



# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



Making snow at the Hills... 1B

## Huss asking for more time, more room, more help

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

During a special meeting held last Tuesday morning, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners addressed the issue of Prosecutor John Huss' part-time work status, as well as the need for more space and help within his offices.

Huss is asking for an annual salary of \$82,000 in exchange for his full time services to the County and dissolution of his private law practice. "It would let someone be in here five days a week, maybe six," Huss explained to the Board.

"Would this help get your backlog of cases down?" asked Harold "Tike" Golnick, District 1 Commissioner.

"We can't keep up with the way it's going now," Huss said. "I can tell you that in the last five or six years, the juvenile courts have just gone ballistic."

"We used to appear in that court two or three times a year. Now, it's every week. And, not just one case, but one, two, three or four cases," Huss said.

"I don't know if juvenile crime has increased or if the nature of the courts has allowed cases to go further. I just know we can't do it with two part timers (prosecutors). Judge Davis is adamant about that," he said.

Huss continued, "We have problems, major problems, mistakes are being made, and things are sliding and slipping away from us."

District 2 Commissioner Scott Hanson asked why Huss should be paid so much when prosecutors in nearby counties are paid between \$50,000 and \$60,000 annually.

Some figures brought forward at the meeting were the salaries of the Grand Traverse County Prosecutor at over \$84,000 per year, Otsego's at \$78,000 and Presque Isle at \$67,000.

County Chair Lynnette Corlew explained to her board that Huss feels his request is not out of line, considering he has 30 years of law experience and that's what taxpayers will be paying for if the board agrees

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Besides having a small office himself, Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss is frustrated with the lack of space allotted his administrative staff. Piles of case files surround the work stations of both Laura Feutz (background), Huss' confidential secretary, and Lockey Hollingsworth (foreground), the county's Victim/Witness Advocate. The County Board of Commissioners is considering the possibility of giving up their Commissioners' Room, which used to be a break room, in order to give the Prosecutor more space to handle his office's increasing case load and to give his staff more elbow room.

Photo by Cheryl Ruley

## Library donor's name revealed as County adopts resolution New library to be named in honor of donor's parents

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

On December 7, less than 24 hours after the Crawford County Library Board passed a resolution to accept a \$500,000 donation from Leslie Devereaux, the County Board of Commissioners put their stamp of approval on the same.

The resolution was presented to the County Board by library board president, Terry Wright, and was read into record by District 2 Commissioner Scott Hanson. It was adopted by a unanimous vote, with all six commissioners present.

Contained in the language was a description of the current library building as "woefully inadequate in size to allow the delivery of necessary and desired literary services," and a statement of intent by those involved in the new library project to obtain necessary construction

funding through continued promotion and encouragement of private donations, as well as an approximate \$1.5 million bond issue.

Further, Devereaux's donation is dependent on the approval of the August 8, 2000 bond issue by county voters and the new library being named "The Richard and Adeline Devereaux Library for Crawford County," in honor of her mother and late father, longtime property owners and part-year residents of South Branch Township.

Wright discussed with the commissioners the details of funding, stating the project will cost about \$2 million to be covered, most likely, by a 10-year bond at about 7.5 percent interest. "To the average homeowner, it should cost about \$25 or \$30 per year," he said.

Wright also said there would be two issues on the August ballot —

one for the new building costs and one for operating expenses, which would come up for renewal on a much smaller scale, in 2010. Both bond issues must be approved before Devereaux would finalize her donation.

Originally, the Library Board was looking at total financing of the project, but would be able to reduce the issue by one-quarter because of Devereaux's generous donation, if the voters approve.

Wright said his board has some money in the bank that could be applied to the project, but would prefer to save it for future expenses or expanded library services. Ultimately, the final bond amount will depend on final design and construction cost estimates.

The bond amount could be further reduced by a campaign to collect private donations.

Porter has agreed to perform as a moderator at the proceedings. Both the County Board and legal counsel for Raymond Swiercz and Robert Nelson approve of his selection.

The County Board, with much regret, understands that in order to have Judge Porter present, the delay is unavoidable. The commissioners discussed at their Personnel Committee meeting on December 9, the possibility of finding another moderator that both sides could agree on, but were unable to come up with a replacement that day.

District 3 Commissioner and Personnel Committee Chair Shelley Pinkelman asked Prosecutor John Huss why the proceedings were being held in a court setting. He responded: "A - This is not going to stop here. If I were a betting man I would say if you were to remove them you'll find yourself in the Court of Appeals in 30-45 days."

"B - We'll have a court recorder and a transcript, and it's not going to be he said, he said or he said, she said. We are actually going to have a transcript of what's taken place."

"C - We are going to have a moderator so that people will behave themselves and we can stick to the issues pertaining to the hearing."

## Snowmobilers wary of upcoming trail project

► AVSA members hope future paved paths won't interfere with trail system

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Members of the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) are watching the local non-motor-

ized pathway project with guarded support, but with concerns that the expansion of a paved trail network may infringe on the area snowmobile trail system.

"We don't have a conflict here directly," said AVSA president Rich Filley. "I hope it doesn't turn out that way."

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## Davis re-appointed as Chief Judge

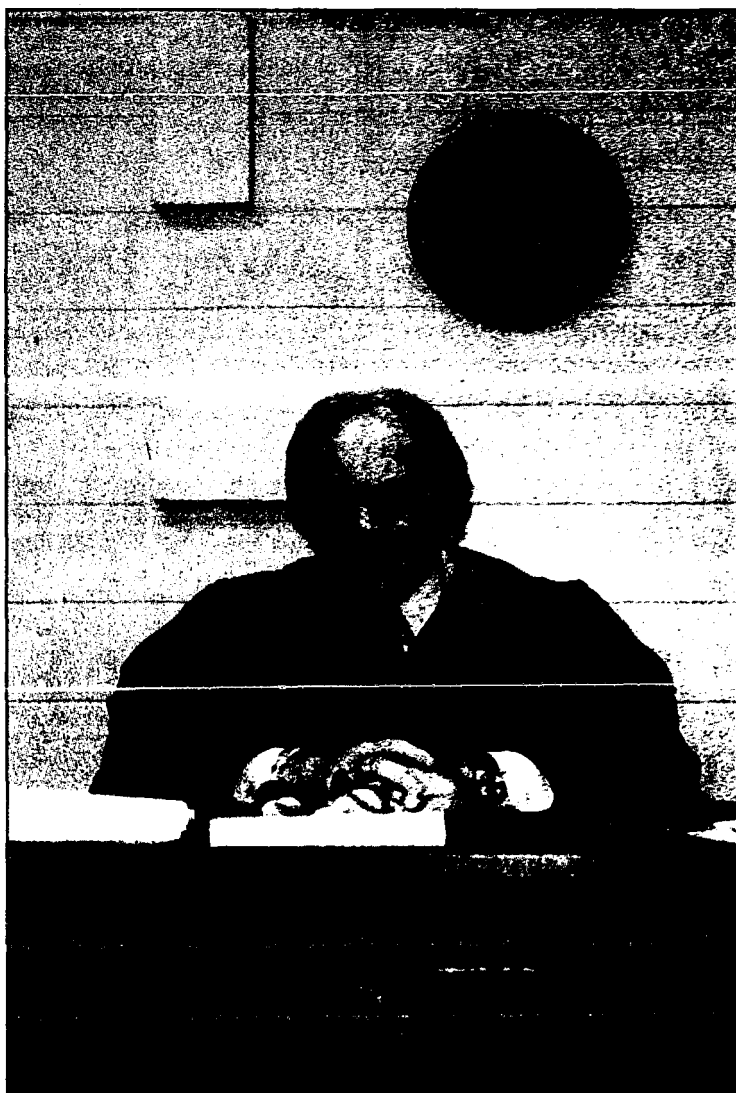


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

RE-APPOINTED — 46th Circuit Court Chief Judge Alton T. Davis was re-appointed to a two-year term last week by the Michigan Supreme Court.

The Honorable Alton T. Davis was re-appointed on December 7 as Chief Judge of the 46th Circuit Court for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2000. The Michigan Supreme Court appointed a total of 27 chief judges for the Court of Appeals and trial courts across the state last Tuesday.

Chief judges are the chief executive officers of their courts. They are responsible for financial and personnel management, coordinating workload, and managing relations with county or city funding units, other justice agencies, and the public. They are also responsible for ensuring that the Supreme Court's administrative policies are carried out within their jurisdictions.

Chief judges administer guidelines and standards to improve court performance. In selecting chief judges, the Supreme Court seeks individuals well qualified to assume the responsibilities of the position as described in Michigan court rules.

The Court bases its selection on judicial experience, training, and leadership qualities. It also considers the ability to motivate and work collegially with fellow judges and court administrative staff while fostering a climate of innovation and change.

The Michigan Supreme Court assumed the responsibility of appointing chief judges in 1995 to increase accountability and responsiveness within the judicial system and foster consistent judicial services in all state courts.

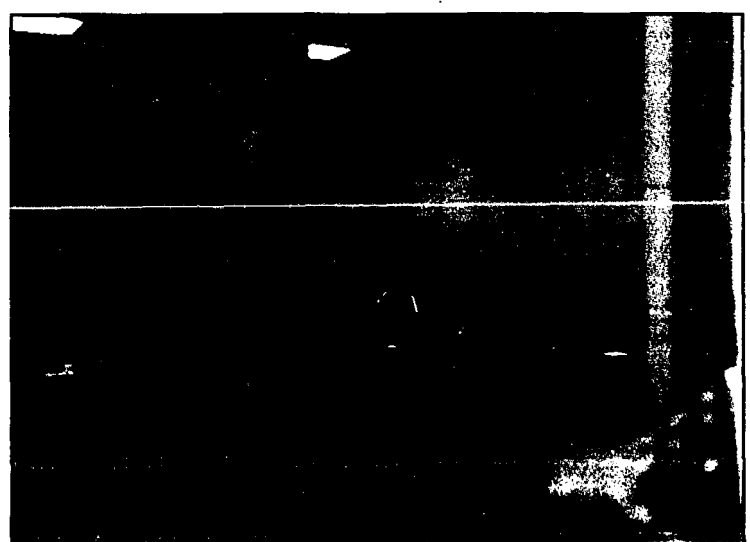
## Road Board hearing may be delayed until January

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Due to previous holiday travel plans made by retired Judge William Porter, proceedings in the case of alleged violations of the Open Meetings Act by two Road

Commissioners, may have to be rescheduled until the second week in January.

The retired court officer has airline reservations for December 20, the day before the hearing was to resume.



CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC — Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely closes the door to the Circuit Courtroom last Tuesday after the Board of Commissioners honored Road Commissioner Raymond Swiercz and Nelson's request for a closed hearing. Future meetings dealing with possible removal of Road Board members are expected to be closed to the public.

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## Area retailers ready for Y2K rollover

by Dan DeCapua

Capital News Service

LANSING - While Grayling-area and statewide retailers say they're prepared for any potential year 2000 computer problems, lawmakers have passed legislation to protect small businesses from related lawsuits.

"We are in compliance and up and ready to go," said Mark White, Manager of Glen's Market in Grayling, Crawford County's largest grocer.

White said all computer equipment and software, from scanners to pricing to cash register reporting, have been upgraded in preparation for the rollover. Heating and refrigeration systems have also been veri-

fied as ready for the year 2000.

"We don't foresee anything happening," White said, "but personnel will be on hand to test the system once the new year arrives, even though we will be closed at the time."

Bob Emmons of Appliance Parts Co. in Grayling is confident about the business' readiness. "Let's let it ride and see what happens," he said. "We should be ready because I've already updated all the computer systems."

That confidence is echoed throughout the state, according to a survey by the Michigan Retailers Association (MRA).

When asked what effect the Y2K situation will have on their invento-

ry, 89 percent of the retailers said none at all.

In a separate survey in March, 87 percent of retailers said they believe their computer systems were already prepared for the "millennium bug."

"Michigan retailers appear confident that Y2K will not adversely affect their business," said Larry Meyer, Chief Executive Officer of the MRA.

"They've taken steps to make sure their computer systems are ready for the year 2000, and they don't expect supply problems, as evidenced by their decisions not to stockpile inventory," Meyer said.

Mary Coy, owner of Lady Slipper Gifts in Grayling, said she's "not all that worried" about potential prob-

lems, especially "if we don't provoke the problem by making it more than it really is."

A bill awaiting Gov. John Engler's signature would protect businesses, government agencies, financial institutions and individuals from lawsuits if they've made a good faith effort to implement a "year 2000 readiness plan." Similar legislation has passed in 27 other states.

Rep. Janet Kukuk (R-Macomb Township), who sponsored part of the proposal said, "The new year is fast approaching and this legislation will help prevent frivolous lawsuits against those who have tried to become Y2K-compliant prior to January 1."

## Punishment handed down in rock throwing case

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

Performing as referee in the cases of two Grayling Middle School students' participation in the September 18 drinking and rock throwing incident from an I-75 overpass, Tom Haskel gave his order of disposition pertaining to their delinquency hearings in early November.

Haskel said it is important to get "up close and personal" in Family Court matters where juvenile issues come before the 46th Circuit Court. "We get the youth and their families together to discuss the incident," he said, "and matters are taken very seriously."

Because of the dangerous nature of

the crime committed by the two 13-year olds, whose names are withheld because of age, they were charged with felonious assault. Haskel said the punishment handed down needed to have some substance and meaning to be effective. "Our whole goal is to get these kids on the straight and narrow," he said.

According to court documents, both youths shall:

- remain temporary wards of the court on probation for one year;
- remain on a community based supervision program, which shall include, but not be limited to home monitoring, education monitoring, and random drug/alcohol testing;
- serve 30 days in detention, with said 30 days to be held in abeyance pending further violations;
- complete 50 hours of community service;
- complete a two-page report based on what they have learned from the

incident, including the effects on the victims and their involvement with the court;

- write a letter of apology to each of the victims;
- have no contact with each other or the 15-year old who was also involved in the incident;
- continue to be on a tether or house arrest for up to 90 days, with a caseworker review for possible early release;
- be referred to the C.L.E.A.N. Program for substance abuse education as recommended by an alcohol and drug counselor; and
- be allowed to return to Grayling Middle School only after they and their parents attend a parent/teacher meeting, arranged by the parents.

One youth was ordered to receive further counseling as arranged by his parents and pay \$100 in court costs, along with \$40 to the Crime Victims Rights Fund. His parents are respon-

sible for paying \$100 in attorney fees, placement costs of \$320 at the rate of \$100 per month, and a 10% bond fee of \$50 to be retained by the County.

The second youth was ordered to pay \$100 in court costs and \$40 to the Crime Victims Rights Fund. His parents are responsible for \$100 in attorney fees.

Restitution, if any, has yet to be determined but remains open pending further investigation. A restitution hearing will be scheduled once the investigation is complete.

Haskel said he hopes young people will see that crime doesn't pay and encourages them to think about the consequences of their actions before doing anything that may lead them to days in court. He also encourages parents to become a bigger part of their kids' lives and take a closer look at their activities.

## North Down paving project receives award

by Caleb Casey

Staff Writer

The Road Commission for Crawford County was recently notified that it will receive an "Award of Excellence" for the North Down River Road paving project, which was completed this fall. Contractor for the project was H & D, Inc.

The award was presented to the road commission by the Michigan Asphalt Paving Association (MAPA) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in the category "local agency projects."

The MAPA/MDOT asphalt paving awards were announced at a special banquet in Lansing earlier this month.

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to a one-year contract with Huss until the next election.

Huss stressed that the Grand Traverse Prosecutor doesn't appear in court on many cases, including the Kaylee Bruce case. "Read the newspapers and see how many cases he's tried," the prosecutor said. "He had a murder trial he didn't try -- that young girl that got butchered in the motel -- a high-profile, first-degree murder case and he sat in his office pushing papers."

Corlew said that Huss' office has

faced the scheduling of 25 cases in one day and, even though the majority are pleaded out and some adjourned, the prosecutor is still responsible for preparing each case for its day in court. Corlew also pointed out other prosecutors have more staff to help, including Otsego County which works with a support staff of five. Huss has at his disposal the equivalent of 1.5 staff members and handles more cases than the Otsego court.

Huss told the Board the main thing the County needs is to have someone

there everyday to be able to provide opinions and answer questions when they arise. The prosecutor is also requesting more room because he doesn't like everyone bumping into each other just to perform routine tasks and would like to hire more office help.

Huss said that revenues generated from suits, as a result of having a full time prosecutor, will help pay the cost of his requests.

This issue will be on the December 15 County Board regular meeting agenda.

## Snowmobilers wary of upcoming trail project

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The Crawford County pathway committee has secured a \$594,000 grant, which includes state and federal money, to install a paved, non-motorized path from Hanson Hills to Grayling High School. The construction is expected to start next year.

The committee has recently applied for a second grant, which would fund a trail from the high school to Hartwick Pines and a feasibility study for connecting the trails to North Higgins Lake State Park.

The pathway committee has

expressed an interest in installing non-motorized paths all over the county, connecting all sorts of area interest points with paved trails for bicyclists, walkers, joggers, skaters, and rollerbladers.

The trails, however, would be closed to motorized traffic, including snowmobiles.

AVSA members recently discussed the trail project issue at their monthly meeting, voicing concerns that the paved pathways could interfere with existing snowmobile trails at some point down the road.

Members of the AVSA didn't relish the prospect of being kicked off

any of the snowmobile trails, especially after all the work volunteers from the association have done to maintain the trails over the course of the past few years.

The AVSA group decided the current best course of action would be to keep a close eye on the pathway project and stay in contact with the pathway committee, in an attempt to provide input to the process and protect the interests of snowmobilers as much as possible.

"Our best avenue is to protect the trail we have," said AVSA member Ed Holtcamp. "We don't want to lose a foot of trail."

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# Winter Fun Days replace the Wolf

In keeping with the Grayling tradition to celebrate winter, Grayling Winter Fun Days has been established. Formerly known as the Winter Wolf Festival, the celebration will run February 8-13, 2000.

Many exciting activities, including some old favorites, are being planned by the Winter Fun Days Committee:

- The Crawford County Library will participate again this year with their book sale;
- Frederic Elementary School's Empty Bowls fund-raiser will benefit the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center;

- Business After Hours will be hosted at Hanson Hills with the Business Olympics Triathlon on Friday night;
- The Winter 'Wolf' Challenge Triathlon will be held Saturday morning;

- A co-ed softball tournament is being planned;
- The Grayling Youth Booster Club will be preparing the Lumberjack Breakfast on Sunday morning;

- The Chili Cook-off will be held Sunday afternoon along with the History of Hanson Hills.
- The Citizens Bank obstacle

course race, free ski lessons and a snowboard competition will all be part of the activities; and

- Back by popular demand, the downhill canoe races will be held that Saturday evening.



Businesses, clubs, organizations and citizens are welcome and encouraged to participate in the fun-filled week.

Those interested in having an event included as part of Winter Fun Days, as well as be included in the official brochure, should call the Grayling Recreation Authority at 348-9266 by Friday, December 17.

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## Order stops plutonium shipment for now

On Wednesday, December 8, U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) issued this statement regarding the temporary restraining order against the scheduled plutonium shipment:

"Judge Richard Enslen in his ruling has cited many of the same issues raised in the hearings held by the Department of Energy at my request in northern Michigan. At these hearings my constituents were concerned not only with the potential hazards of the shipment itself

but also with the use of plutonium as a reactor fuel.

"I agree with Judge Enslen that any environmental scrutiny should be expanded to look at the whole process involving this former weapons material, from transport to final use.

"I am pleased with the judge's ruling, and I am pleased that the broad issues related to this shipment

will receive judicial scrutiny. I look forward to getting expanded answers to many of my questions and concerns, and the questions and concerns of the people of northern Michigan."

The restraining order halts the 4.25-ounce shipment from Los Alamos, NM to Canada, travelling through the heart of Michigan, until at least December 17.

## Alumni asked to attend 'Meet the Grads' day next week

On Thursday, December 23, Grayling High School will host the traditional "Meet the Grads Day" in the library. To those unfamiliar with the ceremony, "Meet the Grads" is a unique opportunity for recent alumni of GHS to present their experiences concerning continued education for current junior and seniors.

Persons who have enrolled in colleges or universities, students of technical or vocational schools, and members of the armed services are all welcome to partake in the event by sharing their feelings about the transfer from GHS to other educational positions.

This reception will be held in the GHS library from 10 a.m. to 11:30

a.m. All former graduates presently seeking post secondary education are cordially invited to attend.

This event is hosted by the AuSable Chapter of the National Honor Society, with the assistance of the Counseling Department. We encourage all persons currently involved in continued education to attend the annual presentation of this event.

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## New youth program coming to Grayling

The Exploring Program, a division of the Boys Scouts of America, is expanding to Grayling. The program is open to 14-20 year old male and female participants.

The co-educational Exploring program will concentrate on year round activities. This winter, downhill skiing, cross country skiing, indoor rock climbing, and other high adventure accents will be featured. During the spring and summer, canoe trips and mountain biking will be the focus.

"It's basically whatever the group will enjoy doing," said Rob Cunningham, District Executive.

The Exploring Program will be inviting adults to join in the activities and to take leadership positions in order to guide the youth.

The community is invited to attend the Exploring organizational meeting on December 21 at the Hanson Hills Recreational Center's main lodge.

Registration for the program will begin at 6 p.m. and is expected to last one to one-and-a-half hours.

For more information, contact Rob Cunningham at the Lake Huron Area Council at (517) 662-4464.

## Correction

In an article that appeared in the December 9 issue of the *Avalanche* concerning a proposed communications tower to be erected near the County Building, a cell phone charge of \$3.55 per minute was quoted by County Controller Paul Compo. According to Cellular One, that charge should have been quoted as 35 cents per minute. We regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.



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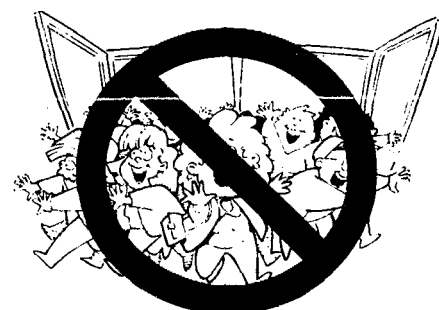
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# BRIEFS

## Band Boosters to discuss D.C. trip

The Viking Band Boosters will be holding a meeting at Grayling Middle School on December 16, at 7 p.m., to discuss news about the Capital Boost trip to Washington, D.C. and other events for GHS and GMS band members.

## Santa to make last minute stop in Grayling

Santa Claus will visit the Grayling Nursing Home (formerly The Meadows at 331 Meadows Drive) on Christmas Eve. The jolly old elf is expected to arrive at 9:30 a.m. to have his picture taken with local kids and join the residents and their families for a holiday party. Everyone is welcome to stop in and give their last minute requests before Santa heads back to the North Pole for his biggest night of the year. For more information, call Grayling Nursing Home Activity Director Chelle at 348-2801.

## Frederic church plans Christmas Program

The First Baptist Church of Frederic will be hosting their Christmas Program at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 19. At 2 p.m. that day (weather permitting), Santa Claus will be in the Frederic Township Park, otherwise he will be in the Township Hall to visit with children and get their Christmas lists.

## Eagles to hold Bingo Feather Party

The Grayling Eagles will hold a Bingo Feather Party, on Sunday, December 19 at 1:30 p.m. There will be food baskets, jackpot gifts and cash prizes.

## Toy Story 2 matinee to benefit the needy

On December 18 at 2 p.m., the Rialto Theatre in Grayling will show *Toy Story 2* during a special Saturday afternoon matinee, with all proceeds going to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center's food pantry. "We just wanted to help the needy in our community this season," said owner Greg Stancil. Admission will be just \$2 per person for the special showing.

## GMS choirs to perform in holiday concert

Grayling Middle School choirs, under the direction of Karen Ross, will perform their holiday concert on Tuesday, December 21, at 7 p.m., in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. Everyone is welcome.

## Rotary Calendar winners announced

Rotary Calendar winners of \$50 each, for the month of November are: Paul Lerg, Tanya Stephens, Mike Borst, Mary Lou Schroeder and Lee Thompson.

## Church offers Christmas Cantata

The Christmas Cantata, *Joy in This Place*, by O.D. Hall, Jr. will be presented at Heritage Baptist Church (located at 1841 Hartwick Pines Road or M-93) on Sunday, December 19 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Severe weather poster contest open to 4th and 5th graders

To draw attention to the need for being prepared in the event of severe weather, the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is sponsoring a Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest, open to all students currently enrolled in fourth or fifth grades. The deadline to enter is February 1, 2000.

Posters must emphasize the importance of being prepared in the event of Michigan severe weather, such as tornadoes, floods, snow storms, severe cold, lightning and thunderstorms, according to contest sponsors.

The first place winner will receive a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond; second place will be awarded a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond; third place will receive a \$75 U.S. Savings Bond; and honorable mention will be awarded a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

Posters must be approximately 15" by 20" and submitted on quality poster or illustration board. The work must be original and may be in any media with the exception of pencil, chalk, charcoal or glitter. All posters will become the property of the sponsoring organization. The artist's name, age, grade, home

address and telephone number, along with the name, address and telephone number of the student's school, and art instructor (if any), must be on the back of the poster.

Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight on February 1, 2000. To enter, send posters wrapped flat to National Weather Service, 9200 White Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386. For further information, contact Mark Walton at the National Weather Service (616) 949-0643 ext. 493.

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness was formed in 1991 to coordinate public information efforts regarding flood, tornado and winter safety.

The Committee includes representatives from the National Weather Service, Emergency Management Division of the Michigan State Police, Michigan Emergency Management Association, Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, American Red Cross, Michigan Association of Broadcasters, WDIV-TV in Detroit, Office of Highway Safety Planning and Michigan Earth Science Teachers Association.

## CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS



Jania Taylor

To celebrate the new millennium, Jania Taylor, Professional Magician, will perform at the Crawford County Library Thursday, December 30 at 1 p.m.

"There's Magic in Books" will be presented by the award winning magician in the Children's Room. The program will entertain children of all ages with laughs, fun and hocus-pocus. The show also delivers a message of how important it is to practice good reading habits.

Jania Taylor has performed at parties, conventions, festivals and fairs from the Grand Hotel on Mackinac

Island to the Mississippi Queen River Boat.

For more information, call 348-9214.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Phone is 348-9214. Website is <http://www.nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford/>

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturday 12 noon-3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from December 6 through December 12:

One intercept; one driving violation; nine delinquent minors; 11 traffic accidents (eight car-deer, one car-bear); one traffic violation; one traffic policing; one traffic safety; two false alarms; three civil-family trouble; four suspicious situations; one lost-found property; 11 general non-criminal; one assault; one felonious/aggravated assault; three bur-

glary; six larceny; one motor vehicle theft; two property damage; six public peace; ten health and safety (nine animal control).

A total of 76 complaints were handled by the sheriff's department during the one-week period.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Child Killing Evils

You may remember in our September 23, 1999 column entitled "Child Euthanasia," we wrote: "The Netherlands plans to legalize mercy killings for children as young as 12 years of age. One of the most liberal countries in the world which has already legalized drugs, prostitution, and euthanasia is considering a bill which proposes immunity from criminal prosecution for doctors who perform euthanasia on young children. Even if the parents or guardian do not agree, the bill would authorize doctors to perform euthanasia under certain circumstances at only the child's request."

Could such a thing ever happen in America? Princeton University bioethics professor Peter Singer says parents should have the right to euthanize newborns with severe handicaps. In his recent books, Singer has said children less than one month old have no human consciousness and do not have the same rights as others. "Killing a defective infant is not morally equivalent to killing a person," Singer has written. "Sometimes it is not wrong at all."

Marie Tasy, of the anti-abortion group Right to Life, said Singer's views -- and their extreme interpretations -- prey on the vulnerable. "Human history has shown us where this type of thinking can lead," she said. "If Professor Singer's

views do not go unchallenged, there is a possibility that they could be adopted by health insurance companies, who are always looking to save dollars." The above facts were reported by Associated Press writer, Lori Hinnant.

Along the same line, Representative Joe Pitts (R-Pennsylvania) is calling for Congress to investigate the growing industry of selling organs, tissues and whole bodies of aborted babies. In a speech on the House floor on Tuesday, October 26, Representative Pitts stated, "Now we know why the partial-birth abortion procedure was developed: to give this industry whole body parts." CWA lobbyists have revealed fee schedules, brochures from wholesalers of body parts, and first-hand written testimony.

Among the many witnesses, Life Dynamics Incorporated, has identified "Kelly" as a technician who formerly worked for Anatomic Gift Foundation (a company that procures aborted babies' organs to sell to researchers). "They were coming out alive," Kelly said, "with three to four live-births in a typical two-week period. The doctor would either break the neck or take a pair of tongs and basically beat the fetus until it was dead ... They were all completely intact," she said. "Sometimes the fetus appeared to be dead, but when you'd open up the chest cavity, you'd see the

heart beating." Abortionists are avoiding criminal charges by calling these "therapeutic abortions," also known as live-birth abortions.

Legalized abortion in 1973 opened Pandora's box. Do you know why children now kill children for fun? They know adults are doing it for profit and no one seems to care. How far will we allow this evil cancer to spread? Isn't government - of the people? Jesus Christ said in Matthew 19:18: "Thou shalt do no murder." This is God's meaning of God's law in Exodus 20:13, and Deuteronomy 5:17: "Thou shalt not kill." God instituted government to protect the unalienable right to life of every human being.

"Pastor "B" Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 am

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

## HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 10, which covers a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like answered in this column, please send them to: Health Education Department, in care of your local Health Department.

### Catch Vision Problems Early

Question: My preschooler acts like he can't see well. He holds all of his toys close to his face. Is this a sign of possible vision problems?

Signed: Seeing problems

Answer: It's great that you noticed your preschoolers behavior.

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It is usually difficult for parents to detect eye problems in their young children because children don't know anything is wrong. They assume that the way they see is the normal way to see, even if it is not.

Yet vision problems are fairly common among preschoolers. It is estimated that one in 20 may have some type of vision problem such as amblyopia (lazy eyes), crossed eyes or blurred vision.

Lazy eye is reduced vision in an eye that has not been used enough during childhood because of blurred vision, crossed eyes or simply because one eye sees better than the other. This problem needs to be diagnosed and corrected as early as possible so that vision is not permanently affected. The signs of possible vision problems are as follows:

- the child favors one eye
- the child tilts his head when

looking at something

- one of the eyes drifts when the child is tired, ill or in bright light
- the child closes one eye, especially when in bright sunlight
- the child rubs eyes frequently
- the child blinks excessively
- the child holds objects close to the eyes in order to see them

If you suspect your child has a vision problem, contact an ophthalmologist or optometrist for a vision screening, or call the local health department. The health department schedules periodic vision and hearing screenings for any child ages 3 to 18. These screenings are conducted by a specially trained health department vision and hearing technician and are free for all children.

Protecting your child's eyesight is an important investment in his or her future. Don't let that future become a blur.



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## Church Directory

"Mommy, the sun is so bright!" "It seems like it should be hot but it is so cold outside"

Little Sarah has good reason to be confused. It does seem that sometimes when the weather is coldest, the sun is brighter than in the summer. Of course, adults know there is a scientific explanation for this, but maybe Mommy should just tell Sarah for now that "it's God's way of brightening the cold winter."

It can be that way in our spiritual lives. When we trust God's love and His wisdom in our lives, it seems to work out that way. The more misfortune befalls us, the more the brightness of God's love is evident, giving us encouragement amid the cold realities of life. We read in Isaiah 66:13, as God says, "As one whom his mother comforteth, so I will comfort you."

Enter the peace of God's House as you worship this week.

## The Colder the Weather...



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Isaiah 61:1-11	Jeremiah 33:1-13	Jeremiah 33:11-26	2 Samuel 7:1-17	2 Samuel 7:18-29	Psalm 89:1-18	Psalm 89:19-37

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Pastor Jeff Arthur  
Phone 348-4033  
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Church Service ..... 9:30 am  
Sabbath School ..... 10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting Tues ..... 7 pm

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
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Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Service & Children's Church: 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm  
Thursday Discipleship Class ..... 7 pm  
Significant Singles Monday ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
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Sunday School ..... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children ..... 7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
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Sacrament ..... 10 am  
Sunday School ..... 11 am  
Primary ..... 11 am  
Priesthood ..... 12 noon  
Relief Society ..... 12 noon

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**  
Pastor James Briney  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Adult and Youth Sunday School : 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
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Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
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Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am  
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Pastor Patricia Fowler  
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Church School ..... 9:45 am  
Preaching ..... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 pm

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**  
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Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
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Saturday Vigil Mass ..... 6 pm  
Sunday Masses ..... 8:00 am  
Family Mass ..... 10:00 am  
Scripture Study (Sundays)..... 9:15 am  
Daily Masses ..... 8:30 am  
Wednesday & Fridays..... 8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm  
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**New Life Ministries**  
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Sunday Services ..... 11:00 am

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) ..... 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
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Sunday Classes ..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday  
Mid-Week Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
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Sunday School ..... 9 am  
Sunday Service ..... 10 am

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
Pastor Paul Rolfe  
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Sunday Worship ..... 10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
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Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am & 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Evening ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
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Pastor Terry Colby  
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Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
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Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Worship Service ..... 11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour and Prayer  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

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Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Chapel Service ..... 11 am  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7-8 pm

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Morning Service ..... 11 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)..... 7 pm

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Tuesday Night School ..... 5:30 pm  
Wednesday am Bible Study ..... 9 am  
Advent Services Wed. Nights ..... 7 pm  
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New Years Eve Service ..... 7 pm

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Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

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# Youth theatre receives boost from mini-grant

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts (KCPA) and Kirtland Youth Theatre (KYT) recently received notice from The Cheboygan Area Arts Council, Regional Regranting Agency announcing that KYT was awarded a \$1,000 mini-grant.

The grant money will be used to support workshops, and performances of *Lazer Vaudeville*, from April 12-14, 2000.

Six residency workshops will be presented to area students April 12-13 and students in the area will attend three performances on April 14 on the campus of Kirtland Community College. The three April 14 performances have "sold-out" reservations, with over 2,700 students expected to benefit from the program.

In a letter from Marilyn Florek, Project Director, and Joann P. Leal,

Executive Director of the Cheboygan Area Arts Council, it was stated "your (KYT's) application was well written, and your project is well thought out and will serve a large area, especially the community of students in the educational component."

A provision of the grant award is that the Michigan Council of the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Cheboygan Area Arts Council be

publicly acknowledged for their support of this excellent program. Funding for the mini-grant comes from state appropriations.

For more information on Kirtland Youth Theatre, contact the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts Office at (517) 275-5000, ext. 311.

## Penguin raffle winner named

A family of five stuffed penguins recently went home with Liz Dughn of Houghton Lake. Dughn was the winner of the penguins in a raffle held by the Window Shop gift store of Mercy Hospital Grayling, operated by the hospital's Auxiliary.

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## Local business decorates for holidays



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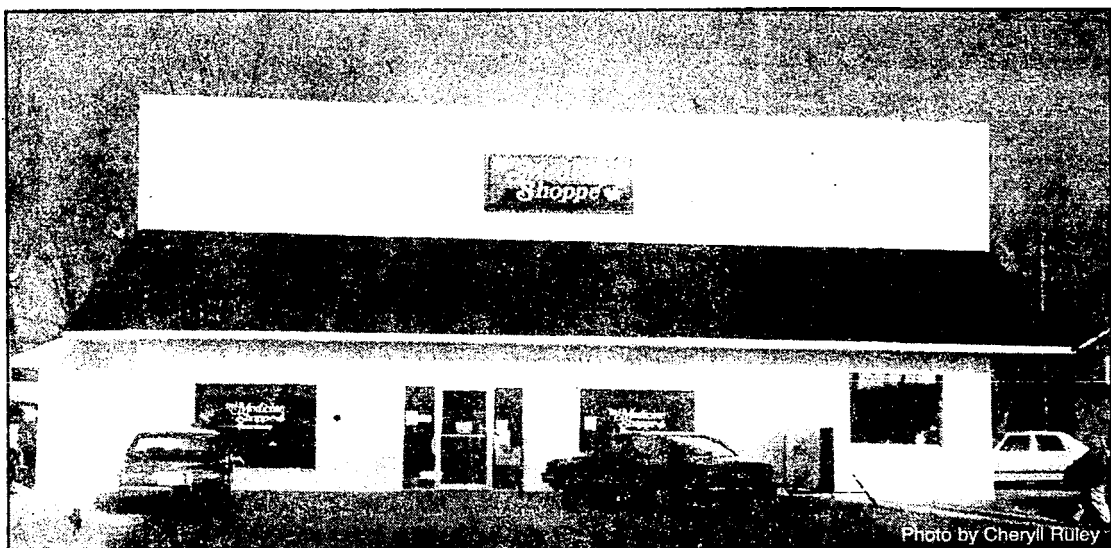


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Photo by Linda Golnick

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## Emergency Management expects uneventful New Year weekend

by Larry Akers, Director  
**Crawford County Emergency Management**

A recent survey has shown that public concern for any Y2K problems has diminished considerably over the past six months.

Based on information available to date, critical infrastructure in Michigan is not expected to experience any Y2K-related system failures that would significantly interrupt essential services for residents.

No reliable, detailed information has been found that potential Y2K-related problems in Michigan's largest critical infrastructure providers will increase our normal vulnerabilities or exceed the capacity of current emergency plans and response capabilities.

The greatest concerns of most individuals is the vulnerability of the electric, gas, and telecommunications industries. The Emergency Management Division of the Michigan State Police has been holding a series of roundtable discussions with these and other groups to determine what action is being taken to assure that no interruptions occur. These roundtable discussions, along with information from the federal government, national utility providers, and others support the following conclusions:

- The large electric utilities responsible for the bulk-power system are progressing well. There is less assurance for the small electric utilities, but the risk they present to the bulk-power system is small, as is their risk of service disruptions.

- There is relatively less risk in the natural gas industry, and utilities are progressing well.

- In telecommunications, the public switched-network has a low probability of service interruptions due to Y2K-related problems.

- Water supply and sewage services around the state are at low risk. These are largely electromechanical, gravity systems that have manual workarounds available, and face little impact from Y2K problems.

- The emergency services are at low risk. All of them have some equipment that may be susceptible to problems. Locally, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office has installed a new computer system that is Y2K compatible. Central Dispatch also has new 911 terminals to insure that there will be no interruptions in 911 service to the county. A survey of other county emergency services providers by Crawford County Emergency Management has shown little risk of equipment failure. These are also the government agencies most likely to have emergency operations and back-up plans in place.

Given these assessments and the lack of any significant evidence identifying more specific threats, the primary emergency management issues facing Michigan at this time due to Y2K rollover appear to be that public fear and misinformation may create additional hazards.

Communities at low risk from

direct Y2K problems may face a greater threat from inappropriate "preparedness" activities. These activities include improperly or illegally stored fuel that creates a fire hazard, increased use of generators and alternative heating and cooking devices that increases the danger from misuse of these devices, and large withdrawals of cash due to banking concerns that may lead to increase robbery, swindle and theft.

Total (100%) Y2K compliance cannot be assured, but built-in redundancy and contingency planning will help avoid service disruptions. State and local emergency management organizations in Michigan are working together to address these issues. Any Y2K-related problems encountered by major critical infrastructure providers throughout the next year should be manageable, and have little impact on the lives of Michigan residents.

In spite of these generally optimistic findings, families should pre-

pare to deal with immediate needs -- not just from Y2K-related issues, but from any emergency situation. Ice storms, for example, can interrupt electric power and make a drive to the store hazardous for hours or even days at a time in Michigan.

It is always a good idea to have flashlights and fresh batteries on hand. Households should always have enough nutritious and easy-to-prepare food on hand to last for a few days. These should include food for special diets. About one gallon of water per person, per day is recommended (half for drinking and half for food preparation and sanitation).

Families with special medical needs should review their plans with their health care provider. Stockpiling of medications is not recommended because it could cause shortages and some medications lose their effectiveness over time. However, it does make good sense to routinely fill prescriptions you may need before January 2000.

For more information on individual preparedness activities recommended for a relatively uneventful transition into the New Year, contact the Crawford County Emergency Management office at 348-4911.

Although no significant interruptions are expected, state and local officials are taking steps to minimize any problems that may occur. The State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC) in Lansing will be staffed with representatives from all the major utilities and service suppliers as well as emergency services people.

The Crawford County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be submitting reports to the SEOC beginning at 4 p.m. on December 31 at six hour intervals until 2 p.m. January 1. The EOC will be staffed from 10 p.m. December 31 until at least 2 a.m. January 1. Anyone who may encounter any Y2K-related problems are welcome to call the Emergency Management office at 348-4911.

## Santa spends morning with area kids



About 300 people -- 175 children and 125 adults -- came to Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 4 to take part in the Grayling Promotional Association's annual event -- *Breakfast with Santa*. (Left) This young man is telling Santa and Mrs. Claus about that special toy he wants this Christmas and how good he has been this year. This event is just one of many Santa is attending this year in Crawford County giving local kids a chance to visit and share their lists with the big guy.

(Right) Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) member volunteers Mary Jane Knibbs and Jane Croze are up to their elbows in *Breakfast with Santa* preparations. The kitchen at Michelson Church was turned into Mrs. Claus' kitchen to help accommodate about 300 hungry diners who ate lots of french toast sticks, scrambled eggs and sausage. The church provided a Kids Corner for the little ones to do their Christmas shopping.



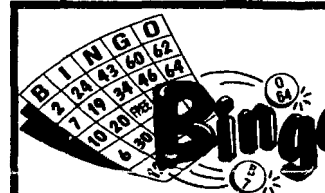
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# Student athletes to be recognized by Navy

High School coaches, athletic directors across the country to make nominations

The U.S. Navy recently introduced a high school recognition program which will become the country's largest competitive honorary awards campaign. U.S. Navy Scholastic All-America Teams were created and designed to reward star athletes across the country who excel in sports and academics, and contribute to their communities in the form of leadership.

In its inaugural year, the program will recognize high school seniors from the following six varsity team sports:

- Boys - Football, Basketball, and Baseball
- Girls - Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball

In conjunction with the National

High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA), the multi-year program will be the premier competitive high school recognition campaign in the county, and will recognize first, second and third tiers of U.S. Navy Scholastic All-America Teams. The program will also expand in future years to recognize all high school varsity sports.

"This program is a perfect partnership to directly benefit our leaders of tomorrow," said Rear Admiral Barbara McGann (Commander, Navy Recruiting Command). "Those students selected will be the best of a cadre of promising young adults who have myriad opportunities before them. Our youth are our future, and

well deserve our praise for their outstanding contributions during their high school years."

Nominations will be accepted throughout the 1999-2000 academic year with national team selections being announced three times throughout the academic calendar (Fall, Winter and Spring sports). The following process will be used to choose participant:

- High school coaches and athletic directors will nominate outstanding student-athletes in their senior year and forward their selections to the appropriate district coordinator.
- District coordinators will tabulate the ballots and announce district teams in eight geographic regions. District team members are

then eligible for the national team selection.

A final selection committee comprised of NHSACA members and other committee administrators will tabulate the ballots and select the national team members for the U.S. Navy Scholastic All-America Teams.

The Navy will present all team members with special U.S. Navy Scholastic All-America Teams plaques and certificates honoring their achievement.

In addition, members selected to the first teams will be featured in upcoming issues of ESPN Magazine.

Applications are available on the NHSACA Web site at [www.hscoaches.org](http://www.hscoaches.org).

## Grayling native takes Command at NRD Dallas

Gee to oversee nearly 300 officers, enlisted personnel, and civilians

Grayling native Commander Wendy A. Gee relieved Commander Mark A. McDaniel as Commanding Officer of Navy Recruiting District

(NRD) Dallas, during a ceremony December 4 at Ramada Plaza Downtown, Fort Worth, Texas. The ceremony transferred com-

plete authority and responsibility of NRD Dallas from McDaniel to Gee and was highlighted by comments from Rear Admiral (retired) Robert C. Stack.

Gee, the daughter of Gordon and Jan Farley and granddaughter of Helen Nower, will be responsible for recruiting young men and women from a 113,000 square mile area of northern Texas and southern Oklahoma, and supervising a work force of nearly 300 officers, enlisted people and civilians to accomplish this task.

The 1979 University of Michigan graduate has been Executive Officer at NRD Dallas since September 1998. Her previous assignments include: Executive Officer, Naval Station Annapolis; Executive Officer, Naval Consolidated Brig Assistant Chief of Staff (Administration and personnel) for

Commander, Iceland Defense Force, Keflavik, Iceland; Officer-in-Charge, U.S. Naval Personnel Support Detachment, Edzell, Scotland; Staff of Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia; and Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C. She received her commission as a Navy Ensign in 1981 from the Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island.

Gee holds a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Urban Services from Old Dominion University, a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the College of Naval Command and Staff, Newport, Rhode Island, a Master of Science in Sports Medicine from the University of Arizona and a Bachelor's of Science in Exercise and Sports Science from the University of Michigan.

## MILITARY NEWS

While most Americans are celebrating the holiday season at home or with family, Navy Seaman Joni L. St. Clair, daughter of John R. St. Clair and Mary J. Swanic of Grayling, is scheduled to spend the holidays forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan, aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

St. Clair is one of more than 63,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who are serving our country separated from their families and loved ones this holiday period.

St. Clair is working abroad to preserve peace as part of our nation's forward defense forces.

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The 1996 graduate of Grayling High School joined the Navy in September 1998. St. Clair is a 1998 graduate of Baker College in Mount Clemens, with an AA degree.

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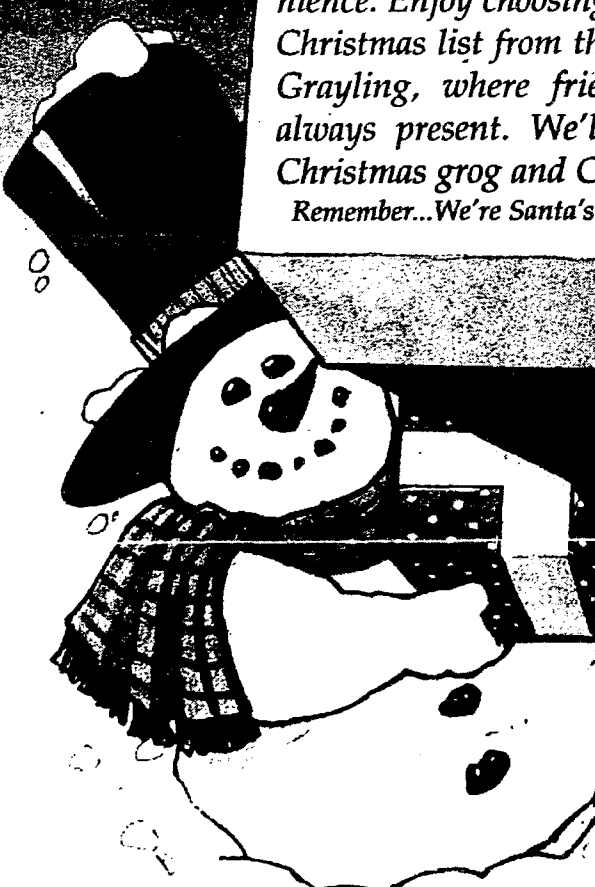
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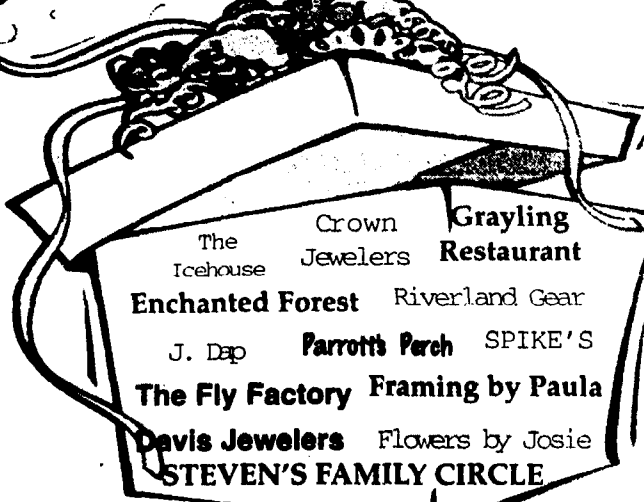
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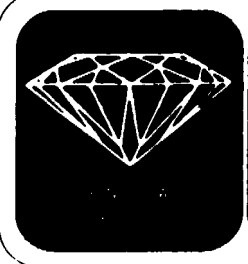


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## OBITUARIES

### Ray Owen Warner

Ray Owen Warner, 79, of K.P. Lake and Redford died at Presbyterian Village of Redford, November 30, 1999.

Mr. Warner was born February 19, 1920, the son of A. J. and Charlotte (Owen) Warner.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Jean; five children, Pamela (Larry) Leforge of Grand Rapids, Nancy (Peter) Mapes of Miami, Florida, Larry (Marjie) Warner of Dearborn, Wendy (Ivan) Bunjik of Canton and Amy (Joseph) Volstromer of Plymouth; 12 grandchildren; one sister, Edwina (William) Thompson of San Rafael, California.

Visitation was held December 2 at the R.G. and G.R. Funeral Home in Livonia. The funeral service was held December 3 at First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn.

Interment and memorial service will be held in the spring at Lovells Township Cemetery.

### In Memory Of

In Loving Memory of  
**Chas (Gus) Williams**

Who passed away  
December 18, 1994

A golden heart stopped beating,  
hard working hands laid to rest.

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Death is a heartache

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Family and friends

### Card of Thanks

I would like to thank Dr. Ramaswamy, the nurses on 2 South of Mercy Hospital, all my family and friends for the cards and all expressions of care and concern during my recent hospital stay. Somehow, thank you does not seem adequate.

Donna Malinowski

### In Memory Of

In Loving Memory of  
**Charles (Gus) Williams**

Our Dad

December 18, 1994

Five years have gone by,  
the days have come and gone.  
Its lonely now and will always be.  
God knows best because he took  
you home to rest.

He knows the pain and suffering  
you were in. He called you home  
to be with him.

Not a day goes by that we don't  
think of you, and these three  
words we never said enough of, "I  
love you."

Your daughters

Love

Sharon and Pat

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following complaints were  
received by the Grayling City  
Police Department from December  
5 through December 11:

Three false alarms; two misde-  
meanor arrests; one assault; two  
assists to other departments; one  
breaking and entering; four check  
law violations; 15 city ordinance  
violations; three civil complaints;  
one domestic complaint; two juve-  
nile complaints; six larcenies; two  
malicious destruction of property  
complaints; four private property  
accidents; one traffic accident; two  
civil infraction citations; 11 miscel-  
laneous complaints.

A total of 60 complaints were  
handed by the Grayling City  
Police Department during the one-  
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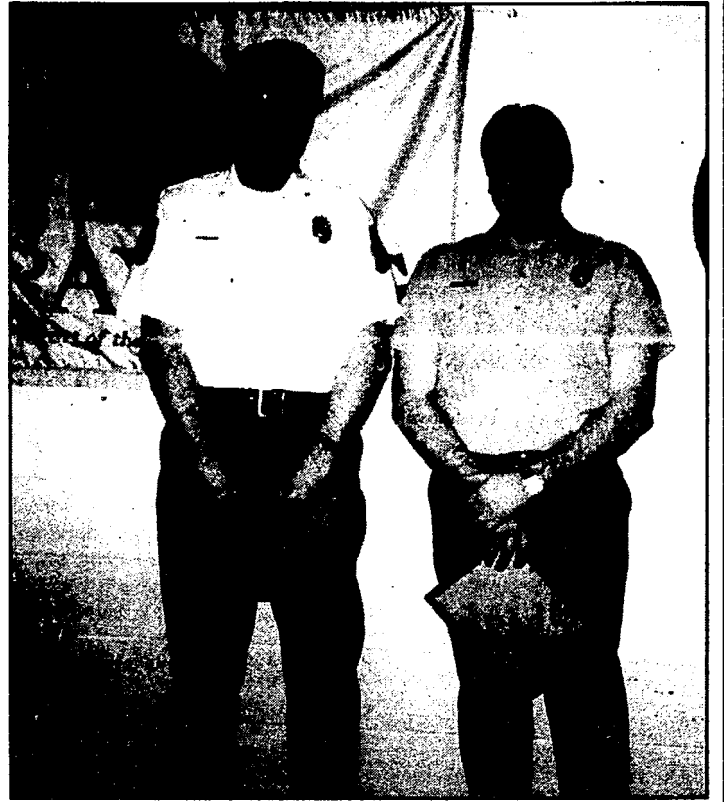


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**HONORED** -- Duane Brooks (left) and Jack Money were recently honored by the Grayling City Council for their years of service to the Grayling Fire Department. The council proclaimed December 4 "Duane Brooks Day" in Grayling, in recognition of the firefighter's 30 years of dedicated service. Money was honored for his 10 years of service.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week  
ahead: In most instances all an argu-  
ment proves is that two people are  
present!!

Take care of yourself in the wintry  
weather. Beware of slippery side-  
walks and steps.

Things that are happening at the  
center:

**December 16** - Lucky 7 Casino  
trip, 9:30 a.m.; Fourth Grade Singers  
Christmas carols, 3:30 p.m.

**December 17** - Lovells Satellite;  
Pantry Bingo, 1 p.m.; Legal Help,  
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17 Orange Roughy/no dinner

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21 - Christmas dinners - Roast

beef

22 - Pot Roast/Oven Pork

23 - Closed for the Holidays

24 - Closed for the Holidays

Thought to leave you with: Let us

take this time to remember all of our

friends, relatives and neighbors that

might not be as fortunate as our-

selves and send them a card or give

them a wee present, invite them over

on Christmas Eve or for dinner on

Christmas day.

Do something to brighten this season

for some of those who haven't

had too many bright holidays lately!

As Tiny Tim said, "God bless us

all!"

### Card of Thanks

I would like to thank the Frederic Ambulance crew, doctors and nurses at Grayling Hospital, Amicare personnel and the many prayers and get well cards.

Thanks also to my daughter, Carol, caring for me from day one, Gordon, Edward, and Pastor Paul Boerger.

Thanks to all  
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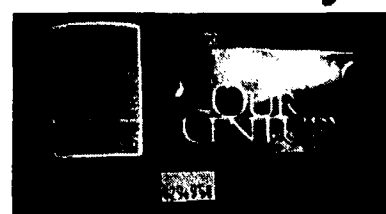
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Ironically, those who routinely take antacids usually need more acid and pepsin - not less. A person taking antacids is not digesting food. Instead, your food rots creating gas and an organic acid produced from the rotting food. Putrefaction is protein rotting. Fermentation is carbohydrate rotting. Rancidification is fats rotting.

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## HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

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### Frostbite - The Cold Weather Menace!

Question: My son was outside playing all afternoon one day and I noticed some white patches on his cheeks. I brought him inside at once. Was this the start of frostbite? What should people do if they suspect their skin is frostbitten?

Signed: Out in the cold

Answer: Frostbite can creep up suddenly and be difficult to notice. If someone has been outside for awhile, they may already feel numbness and cold in the extremities, so symptoms of frostbite go unnoticed. The first symptom is usually a tingling burning pain that should set off a warning that frostbite could occur. When this symptom is noticed, go inside and get warm, or if that is not possible, move around vigorously to increase circulation. Frostbite usually ranges from mild to serious. Each type requires a different first aid treatment. For any type, it is important to remember not to rub or massage frost bitten skin (either with or without snow) and not to put on any ointments.

The mildest stage of frostbite is called frost nip. At this stage, numbness occurs followed by whitening of the skin. The nose, ears, hands or feet are frequent sites for frost nip. The best treatment is to directly apply warmth - your warm breath or someone else's is ideal. Blow your finger or have someone else blow on your ears. If your nose is affected, take off your mittens and cover your nose with warm hands. Put your

hands that are affected in your armpits. If burning and tingling starts, your skin is warming up. This type of frostbite should not cause any lasting effects and probably won't need medical attention.

Superficial frostbite is more serious and will require prompt first aid as well as medical attention. The frost bitten area will look very white and waxy and will feel hard on the surface if very gently pressed. Bring the person in from the cold and warm the area with warm - not hot - water (100° to 105°) by either using a soft wet towel or by immersing the affected limb. Avoid dry heat or heat that is uncontrolled such as a campfire. Caution the victim not to rub frost bitten hands or feet or try to walk on them. Then transport the victim to an emergency room or doctor's office, keeping the area warm at all times.

Deep frostbite, or frozen very hard blotchy or blue tissue requires immediate assistance. Don't try warming techniques. Wrap the frozen areas in a blanket or soft material so bruising doesn't occur, try to keep elevated and get to the hospital.

#### Preventing frostbite:

- avoid alcohol, which increases the loss of body heat, clouds judgment, and adversely affects the sense of touch
- avoid smoking - it decreases circulation
- dress yourself and children in layers of light clothing rather than heavy clothing
- wear a hat or earmuffs to protect ears and prevent heat loss through the scalp
- come inside if clothes become wet
- wear properly fitting boots - not too tight which decreases circulation. Boots should cover ankles. If socks become wet, newspaper or other paper in boots will help insulate.
- wear mittens instead of gloves
- don't wear earrings outside in the cold since metal conducts cold

and increases your risk of frostbite - skiers, skaters and sledders can create their own wind. When facing into the wind, cover exposed skin including nose and earlobes and keep a watch for frostbite.

## Winter solstice nears, snow seems far away



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

**SUNSET ON THE AUSABLE** - This sunset was captured last week in the Grayling City Park. Even though there has yet to be a substantial snowfall to blanket the area in sparkling white, this photo proves snowless cold weather scenes can still be beautiful.

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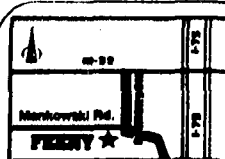


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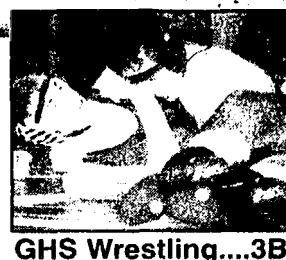
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## Varsity squad starts 2-0

### ► GHS basketball team opens with victories over Bucks and Falcons

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity basketball team started its new season out well, defeating the rival Roscommon Bucks in a non-conference match last week at Roscommon, the Vikings' season opener.

After a tightly contested first period, the Vikings started to pull away, finishing strong to take the victory.

Grayling led by one after one period, 14-13. The Bucks scored nine of their 13 first quarter points on three-pointers.

The Vikings got scores from Nate Hinkle, Dave Hawkins, and Adam Knapp.

Grayling held Rosco to eight second quarter points while scoring 16 to establish a nine point lead by halftime.

Brad Gorski had a solid second period, scoring eight points for GHS. Grayling also scored points on four free throws and a shot inside by Hawkins, a pair of free throws by Levi Burkett on a one and one, and two more free throws by Hinkle.

With a nine point lead (30-21),

the Vikings came out playing much more aggressively on both ends of the floor the second half, showing more hustle and taking control of the game in the third period.

Grayling scored six unanswered points early in the quarter to build up some momentum, getting points from a shot near the basket by Joe Fritz and two drives to the hoop by Eli Tobin.

After a pair of Roscommon buckets, the Vikings outscored the Bucks 15-4 for the remainder of the period, scoring points on a bucket inside by Tobin, a tip-in, a break away jam, a drive and a jumper by Hinkle, two free throws by Brad Wilson, and a half-court

drive by Gorski on a steal.

The Vikings led by 20 going into the final quarter, 51-31.

Roscommon had a decent fourth quarter offensively, scoring 20 points, but Grayling's 16 fourth period points and the 20-point lead after three periods was too much to overcome.

GHS won by a final score of 67-51.

High scorer for the game was Hinkle with 22. Tobin and Gorski each added 13.

As a team the Vikings shot 56 percent from the floor (24/43), and 67 percent from the line (16/24).

Tobin led in the steals category

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**VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM** -- This year's varsity squad consists of: (back row, left to right) Brad Gorski, Marcus Bobenmoyer, Levi Burkett, Jeremy Latuszek, Adam Knapp, Joe Fritz, Per Lampinen, Nate Hinkle, Dave Hawkins, Brad Wilson, Marcus Marelich, Eli Tobin; (front row, left to right) Coach Rich Moffit, Assistant Coach Butch Hayes.

Photo by Linda Golnick

## JV Vikes open with two wins

### ► Grayling defeats Roscommon and West Branch to start '99-00 season 2-0

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Grayling's JV basketball team got off to a good start last week, winning its season opener on Tuesday, December 7, and its home opener last Friday.

The Vikings started the new season with a 71-52 win over the Roscommon Bucks at Roscommon last Tuesday in a very physical contest. Fifty-four fouls were called in the match, resulting in 74 overall free throw shots.

Both teams played with a lot of intensity at the beginning of the game. Grayling had a slight edge after the first eight minutes, leading Rosco 16-14.

The Vikings got points from R.J. Schmidt, Chet Wheeler, Wes Fox, and Larry Baynham.

The second quarter was a tough, physical battle as the teams struggled for quality shots near the basket. The two squads combined for 29 fouls in the eight-minute quarter, resulting in 16 trips to the free throw line.

The Vikes led by eight at halftime, 35-27.

Grayling held the Bucks to 10 third period points, while scoring 13, to bring the GHS lead up to 11. The Vikings scored points on a jumper and two free throws by Ryan Stahl, a short bank shot by Nick D'Amour, three free throws by Baynham, a shot inside by Mike Hale, and a drive by Dan Mead.

Grayling finished strong, scoring

23 points in the final period to build a 19-point lead by the end buzzer. GHS won 71-52.

"We started out tight, but the kids improved as the game went on," said Coach Butch Hayes. "Our defense and intensity were good for this time of year. We have shown steady improvement."

Baynham turned in a good offensive performance, leading the Viking scoring with 24 points. Stahl added 18 points, and Schmidt scored 11. Stahl was the top rebounder with nine.

As a team, the Vikes edged Rosco on the boards 22-18. Grayling shot 25 of 49 from the floor, and hit 25 of 37 free throws in the match.

**LAST FRIDAY**, the JV team hosted an always tough West Branch Ogemaw Heights squad, defeating the visiting Falcons 58-53 in an exciting contest.

The two teams were evenly matched. Both squads used full court pressure defense and patient offenses in a game in which every possession counted. The game was close for the entire 32 minutes.

The teams set the pace early, as defense dominated play in a low-scoring first period.

Grayling scored points on a shot inside by Stahl, a jumper and a drive by Fox, a fast break lay-up and a free throw by D'Amour, and a bucket by Baynham.

The Vikes led 11-8 going into the second quarter.

West Branch opened the period with a 6-0 scoring run to take a three point lead, but Grayling hit the next three baskets to give the Vikings a 17-14 edge.

The teams battled back and forth, resulting in a tight game at halftime.

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## Hanson Hills prepares to make snow

### ► Temperatures not quite low enough for snow-making

Dreaming of a white Christmas? Hanson Hills certainly is. Thanks to snowguns, the local winter sports park has the ability to make snow if Mother Nature doesn't produce it herself.

The crew at Hanson Hills has rolled out the park's two Highland snowguns, tested them, and performed the necessary seasonal maintenance. Currently, the park staff is waiting for the temperature and humidity to drop in order to create a favorable environment for snow-making.

"To get started we need the temperature to fall and stay around 28 degrees with humidity somewhere below 60 percent," said Dale Metzger, Director of Maintenance and Ski Operations. "We are looking for an extended forecast of cold weather before we can start making snow."

The best conditions for making snow consist of temperatures in the teens combined with very low humidity.

"Even with ideal conditions, it takes our two guns approximately a week to produce a base of six to eight inches on one of our runs," said Metzger. "Compare that with Boyne, which has 160 guns, and

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## Indoor skate park to open at Hanson Hills

### ► GRA hopes to provide a safe and welcome haven for local skaters

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Due in large part to the efforts and interest of local skateboarders, Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) has decided to install an indoor skate park in the Fred Bear Memorial Building at Hanson Hills.

GRA Sports Director Joe Lehman was approached by a group of local skaters regarding the establishment of a skate park in Grayling, and GRA later decided to take on the project.

Previously, a group of Grayling Middle School students had submitted a detailed skate park proposal to the Grayling City Council for consideration. The council passed the proposal on to the Community Improvement Authority Board, which opted to support the GRA plan rather than try to do a skate park project within the city.

"We knew of the interest," said Cindy Olson, GRA Director. "They need a place that's safe, welcome, and supervised."

Lehman noted that several places in town are used by skaters during the non-winter months, but they are not always welcomed.

"The Grayling Middle School grounds are good for skating but they're not designed for that," Lehman said.

Additionally, there is nowhere for rollerbladers and skateboarders to go in the winter time.

"The closest indoor park is Kalamazoo," Lehman said.

GRA wants to change that, with the addition of the indoor skate park to Hanson Hills.

GRA currently has only a limited amount of ramps, but hopes to add several more as the money becomes available.

"This is kind of a strange thing," said Olson. "We're doing it in pieces as the money comes in. We wanted to do it all at once, later, but the kids were so excited about it. They want it really bad, and need it."

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Photos courtesy of Cindy Olson

Local skateboarders met with GRA officials last Tuesday, and afterwards took to the ramps in the new indoor skate park, which is located in the Fred Bear Memorial Building at Hanson Hills.

## Volleyball team takes 2nd at Rosco tourney

### ► Vikings win 8 straight games, lose 2-1 heartbreaker in championship series

Grayling's varsity volleyball team is off to a strong start this season, after opening the year with a second place finish at the Roscommon Christmas Classic invitational tournament, which was held this past Saturday.

The Vikings won their first eight games of the tourney, beating Benzie Central (15-13, 15-9), Houghton Lake (15-8, 15-2), Charlevoix (15-7, 15-1), and host Roscommon (15-12, 15-11).

Jenny Phillips and Mel Paxton both played very well for Grayling, as each earned a spot on the all-tournament team. Phillips had 40 kills on the day, and Paxton had 35. Paxton also added 35 digs to GHS effort. In another noteworthy performance, Michelle Salyers scored 11 aces for Grayling.

After disposing of their first four opponents in just eight matches, Grayling matched up with Mason County Central for the tournament championship.

Mason won the first game 15-13 despite an early 7-1 GHS lead.

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# Varsity squad starts 2-0

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with five, and Gorski led the Vikes in assists with six. Grayling chalked up 55 total deflections in the match.

"Our kids played well defensively in the first three quarters," said Coach Rich Moffit. "We are making progress hitting the offensive and defensive boards, and we need to continue to show improvement in those areas."

(Grayling outrebounded Rosco 30-18.)

"It was a real plus that we had so many people at Roscommon," continued Moffit. "Our crowd support was excellent and our team appreciated it a great deal."

THE VIKINGS also won their second game of the young season, beating West Branch Ogemaw Heights, a North East Michigan Conference team, by six points (67-61) last Friday.

The Falcons led early, outscoring GHS 16-12 in the first period.

Grayling's points came from a drive by "Tobin, a

jumper by Gorski, and eight points by Hawkins, including a jam.

Down four, the Vikes came back strong. To open the second quarter, GHS hit nine unanswered points, all of which came from Hinkle.

Hinkle hit four free throws, a three pointer, and scored a slam dunk to give Grayling a 21-16 lead.

WBOH kept the game close for the rest of the period, as the Vikings held a four point lead at halftime, 33-29.

Grayling edged WBOH 15-12 in third quarter scoring to take a seven-point lead into the fourth period.

The Vikings scored points on two three-pointers by Hinkle, a triple and two free throws by Hawkins, and two shots inside by Fritz.

The Falcons kept the match close, but Grayling held off the WBOH comeback attempts.

West Branch hit a bucket with 52 seconds left to cut the Grayling lead to three, 64-61. GHS came back with a shot inside by Hawkins on

an assist by Gorski. Grayling got the ball back, and WBOH was forced to foul.

Hinkle hit one of two from the line at 0:22 remaining to put the score at Grayling 67, West Branch 61. Neither team would score again, leaving the final tally at 67-61.

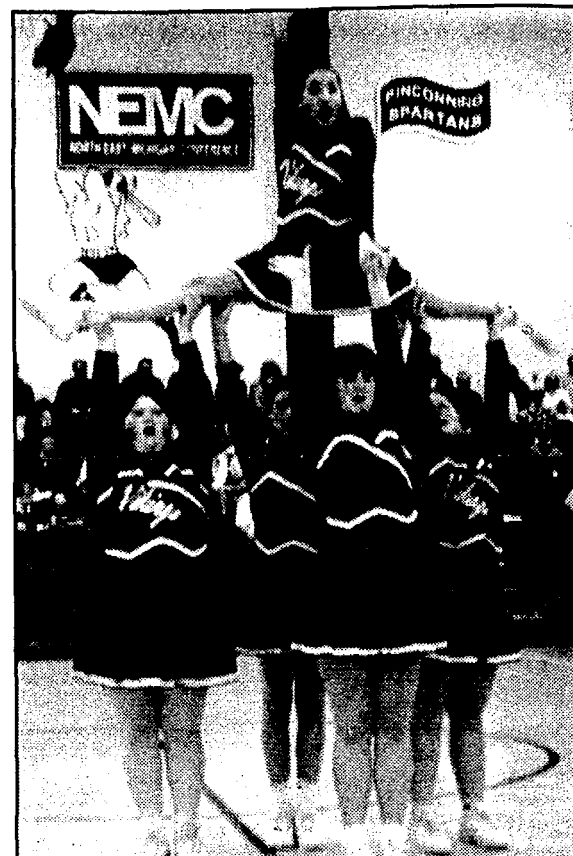
"Our defensive intensity was excellent throughout the game," said Coach Moffit. "I was also pleased with the mental toughness of our kids. Ogemaw made some strong runs at us, and our kids responded each time."

Hinkle led the GHS scoring with 25 points. Hawkins also had a good game with 21. Tobin added 11 points.

Hawkins was the top Viking rebounder with 18. As a team, the Vikes outrebounded the Falcons 42-26.

Gorski led the team in assists with six. Tobin had five.

Grayling's next game will be against the Flying G's at Gladwin this Friday. The Vikings will play at Gaylord on Tuesday, December 21.



The varsity cheer squad roots for GHS at last Friday's home game, which the Vikings won 67-61.

Photo by Linda Golnick

## Freshmen team outpaced by Bucks

### ► Short-handed Vikings lose opener to Roscommon

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS freshmen basketball team turned in a gutsy performance at its season opener last Wednesday, but lost to the visiting Roscommon Bucks by a final score of 41-32.

The Grayling team, which has only six players this season, worked hard to stay in the game against a

steady Roscommon offense.

The Bucks scored three buckets and four free throws in the first period, while holding GHS to three points. Rosco played an aggressive full court pressure defense, setting up scoring opportunities with steals.

Roscommon led 10-3 after one period of play.

Grayling played better defense for most of the second quarter, and started to generate some points on the offensive end. An 11-2 run by the Vikings gave GHS its first lead of the game.

The run included eight points by James Kenney, a free throw by James Lawrence, and a long jumper by Caleb Mead.

Mead's jump shot with 1:25 left in the half put Grayling up by two, 14-12.

Roscommon answered with a

three-pointer, retaking the lead.

With 1:01 left Kenney scored a lay-up, his ninth and tenth points of the quarter, to put GHS back up by one.

Roscommon then scored three quick baskets to round out the half, scoring buckets on steals created by the full court pressure defense.

The Bucks led 21-16 at halftime.

Both teams hit for eight points in the third, leaving the Roscommon lead at five going into the fourth period.

Grayling scored points on two lay-ups by Chris Wakeley, a short jumper by Mead, and a lay-in by Lance Harmer on a nice dish by Wakeley.

GHS was still in the game, but couldn't gain any more ground. Roscommon continued to run a consistent offense, finishing strong to

seal the game.

With 2:30 left in the game, Harmer hit lay-up on an assist by Mead to put the Rosco lead at six. The Bucks then hit six unanswered points to extend their lead to 12, with under one minute left.

Grayling scored four more points on a three-pointer by Adam Kaiser and a free throw by Kenney as the clock ticked away.

The Bucks won the game by nine, 41-32.

High scorer for Grayling was Kenney with 12 points. Mead and Harmer each scored six.

The Vikings will head to Gladwin on Thursday, December 16. On Monday, December 20, GHS will return to the home floor for a match against the Gaylord Blue Devils. The game against Gaylord starts at 6:30 p.m.

## JV Vikes open with two wins

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with GHS leading by one, 24-23.

After a low scoring first half, both teams opened it up a little more on the offensive end, scoring 37 combined points in the third period.

The Vikes led by two heading into the fourth quarter, 43-41.

Grayling grabbed a couple steals and scored five unanswered points to open the fourth period, building a little momentum in front of the home crowd.

Shots inside by Baynham and Scott Latusek and a free throw by Stahl gave the Vikings a seven-point lead (48-41) with six minutes to play.

Following a tip-in by Schmidt,

West Branch scored a bucket to pull within three, 50-47, with just under three minutes to play.

Grayling then scored six unanswered points on a shot inside by Schmidt, a jumper by Mead, and one free throw each by Baynham and D'Amour to take a nine-point lead, 56-47.

With time running out, West Branch hit two free throws and a two-point bucket to cut the GHS lead to five (56-51) with 23 seconds left.

Baynham was fouled on the next Grayling possession at the 0:15 mark, and hit both shots on the bonus opportunity to put GHS back up by seven. WBOH hit one more

bucket in the last seconds, but the game was already Grayling's.

The Vikes won 58-53.

"This was a good game to test how physical we are," said Coach Hayes. "We played a very good second half. Defensively we got after the ball. We ended the game with 49 deflections, so our intensity was good."

On offense, three players hit double digits in scoring for Grayling: Schmidt (11), D'Amour (11) and Mead (10). Stahl added eight points, and Baynham scored seven.

The Vikings will play at Gladwin this Friday, and will head to Gaylord on Tuesday, December 21. The Gaylord game starts at 6 p.m.

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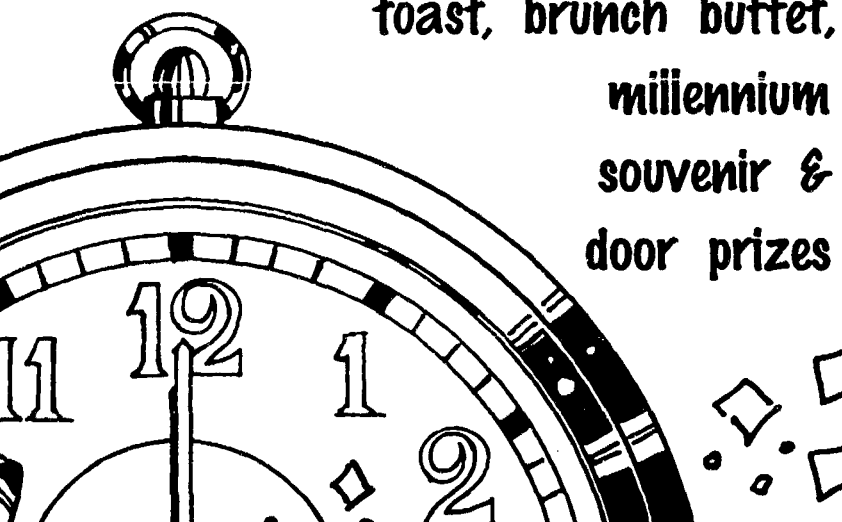
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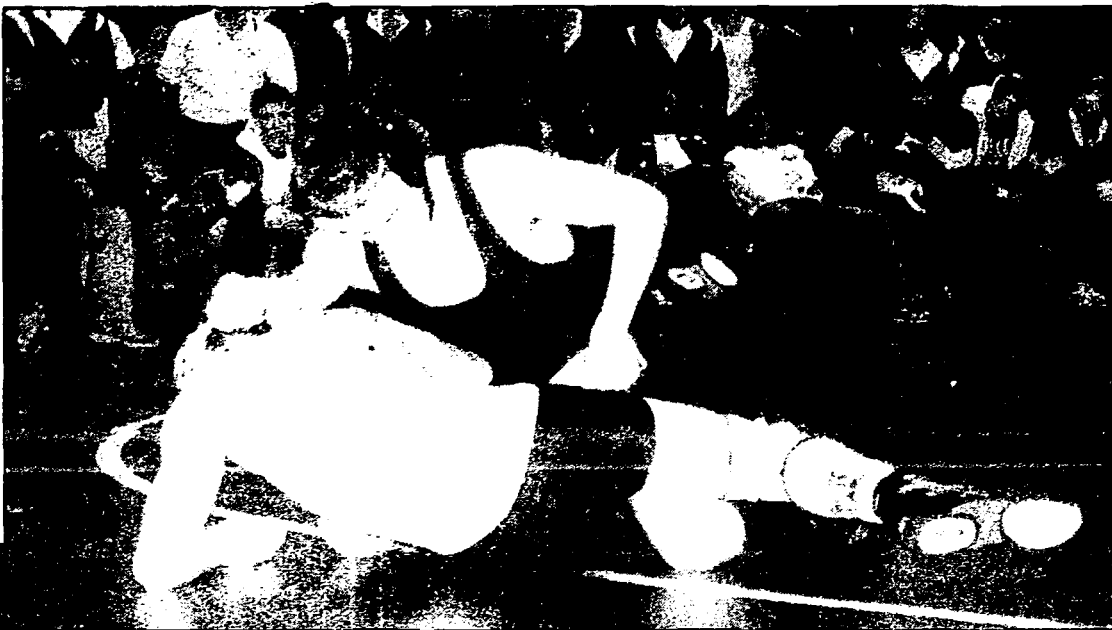
# Wrestling team competes at Scottsville Invitational

► **Team places 5th, four Vikings medal at Saturday tourney**

The GHS wrestling team placed fifth out of 12 teams this past weekend at the Scottsville Invitational meet.

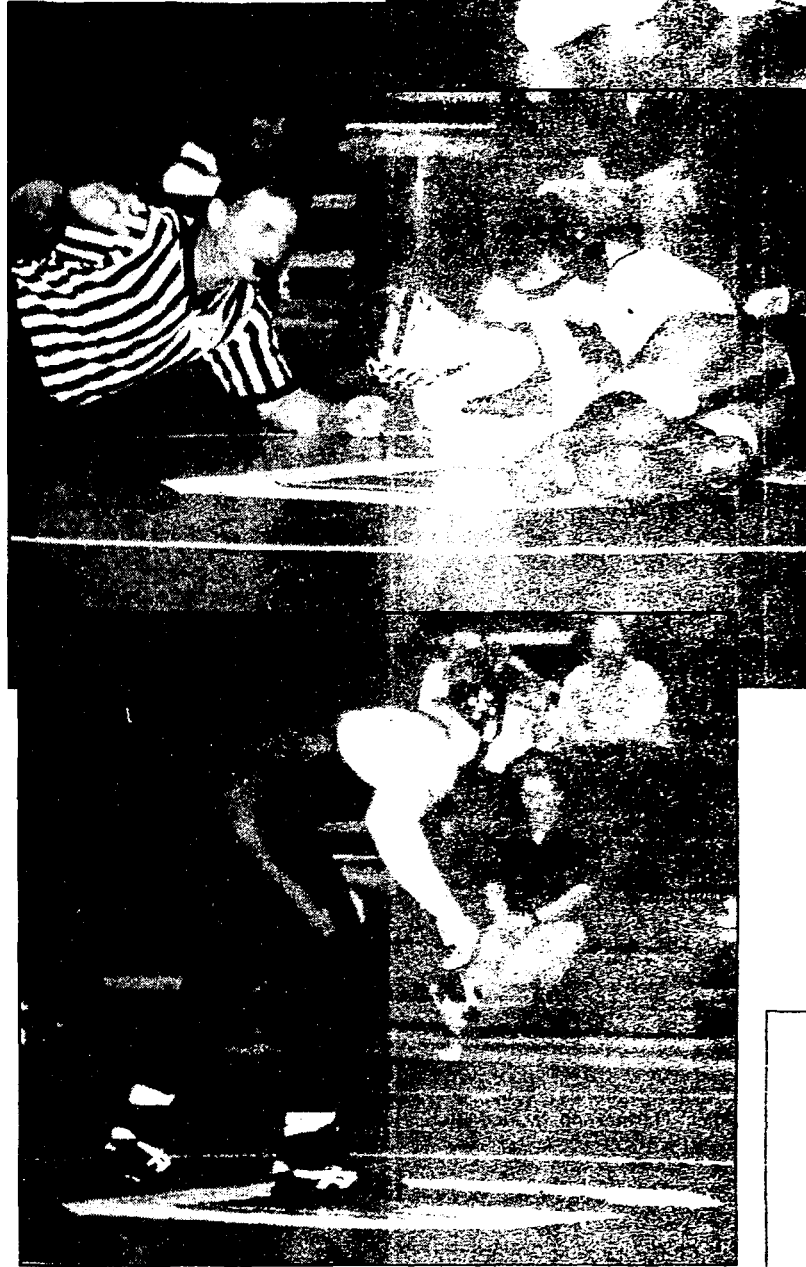
Grayling medal winners included: Victor CdeBaca (1st), Andy Palmer (2nd), Matt Evon (2nd), and Josh Niederer (2nd).

Earning points for the Vikings were: Chris Peters, Marc Weaver, Evon, Niederer, Palmer, CdeBaca, Marianne Vollmer, and Larry Baker.



Photos by Linda Golnick

(Above) Matt Evon works on an opponent. (Left) The ref looks in as Ben Sartin goes for a pin. (Below) Marc Weaver fights with an opposing wrestler.



(Above) Billy Partello squares off against an opponent.

## Volleyball team takes 2nd at Roscommon tournament

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Grayling rallied, winning the next match 15-13. In the final game, GHS had several opportunities to win, but fell just short. Mason won the game 18-16, and with it the tourney championship.

"Our girls played well and

deserved to win," said Coach Brian Banda. We hit the ball hard all day. This is a big day for our program."

The Vikings will compete in the Lake City Invitational this Saturday, and will play at home against Pinconning on Wednesday, January 5.

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Thermogas - Church 17, Patterson 17, Williams 17

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Varsity Volleyball  
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**MELANIE PAXTON & JENNY PHILLIPS**

Mel (left) and Jenny were named to the all-tournament team last Saturday at the Roscommon Christmas Classic. Both senior captains played well, leading their team to nine wins and only two losses for the day.

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## Indoor skate park to open at Hanson Hills

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The skate park, located inside the Fred Bear Building, has three pieces of equipment right now: a quarter pipe, a small fun box, and a large fun box, each of which were donated by the families of local skaters.

GRA has blueprints from RampTech, a professional ramp-designing company, for the construction of several more skate ramps, including a half-pipe and a pyramid, which the GRA directors plan to build and add to the new park as soon as possible.

GRA is currently accepting donations from sponsors for new park equipment, as well as donations of building materials. Also, space for advertising within the skate park is available. Contact GRA at 348-9266 for more information.

The skate park as it is equipped now will open on Thursday, December 23. The park will be open to users during the following time

periods: Thursday and Friday, 3:30 p.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Cost for use of the park will be \$3 on Thursday and Friday, \$6 on Saturdays, and \$4 on Sundays. The cost per day covers use of the facility during the entire time the park is open on that day. Prices will go up as more equipment is added to the park, Olson said.

Monthly passes will be available starting in 2000. January monthly passes will be sold at a special introductory rate of \$40.

Skate park users and their parents will have to sign a release form prior to entrance. Forms will be available at several local sources before the park opens.

Helmets are required for all skaters. Knee and elbow pads are also required, unless the skater's parents give permission otherwise.

"A lot of injuries (in this sport) are to the elbows and knees," noted

Lehman.

As an added convenience, Hanson Hills is offering a new program this year: the "After School Special." The program runs eight weeks, from January 6 to February 25.

With the after school special, students can take a pre-arranged Dial-A-Ride bus from school to Hanson Hills every Thursday and Friday for a special rate (\$24). Another \$48 will cover use of the skate park for the two days during the eight week interval.

On Tuesday, December 7, Lehman and Olson met with a group of local skaters concerning the upcoming project, and watched the participants give the equipment a test run after the meeting. Both were impressed.

"It was amazing what these kids were doing," they said. "Flipping their boards over and jumping on to another board. They skated for

hours on just those three ramps. We basically had to kick them out."

"We're really excited about this," said Lehman. "We just thought it was a great idea when the skateboarders brought it to us. We're excited at Hanson Hills to be able to provide the opportunity to the kids here."

"We think it's another great opportunity we can offer the kids," said Olson. "It will be a lot better environment for them. We're concerned about safety and the need for a location, a place to be."

"Especially in the winter," added Lehman. "I'm sure that with the community support for every other event, it will be no problem to get this going very quickly."

In addition to sponsorship donations, GRA is collecting used safety equipment and skateboards to be used as rentals in the park. To donate, contact GRA or stop by Hanson Hills.



### Gaylord Cinema West

Toy Story 2 - G (102)

• 10:00 • 12:00 • 2:00 • 4:00 • 6:00 • 8:00 • 10:00

The Green Mile - R (182)

• 7:00 • 9:00 • 11:00

Deuce Bigelow - R (185)

• 7:00 • 9:00 • 11:00

Stuart Little - PG (84)

• 10:00 • 12:00 • 2:00 • 4:00 • 6:00 • 8:00 • 10:00

Bicentennial Man - PG (131)

• 10:00 • 12:00 • 2:00 • 4:00 • 6:00 • 8:00 • 10:00

The World Is Not Enough - PG-13 (128)

• 10:00 • 12:00 • 2:00 • 4:00 • 6:00 • 8:00 • 10:00

The Bone Collector - R (118)

• 10:00 • 12:00 • 2:00 • 4:00 • 6:00 • 8:00 • 10:00

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ACC301	Intermediate Accounting I	Monday
ACC401	Advanced Accounting I	Monday
COM312	Organizational Communications	Monday
FIN340	Corporate Finance	Monday
MTH136	Fundamentals of College Math	Monday
ACC331	Taxation II	Tuesday
CIS101*	Computer Information Processing	Tuesday
MGT441	Diversity in the Workplace	Tuesday
SOC360	Work, Life and Soul	Tuesday
COM122	College Writing II	Wednesday
MGT331	Small Business Management	Wednesday
MKT301	Principles of Marketing	Wednesday
MKT356	Marketing Communications	Wednesday
COM212	Introduction to Speech	Thursday
ECO201	Macroeconomics	Thursday
MGT400	Leadership	Thursday
ACC235*	Accounting App./Micro. (5 wks)	Thursday
ACC236*	Payroll App./Micro. (5 wks-Begins Feb. 17)	Thursday

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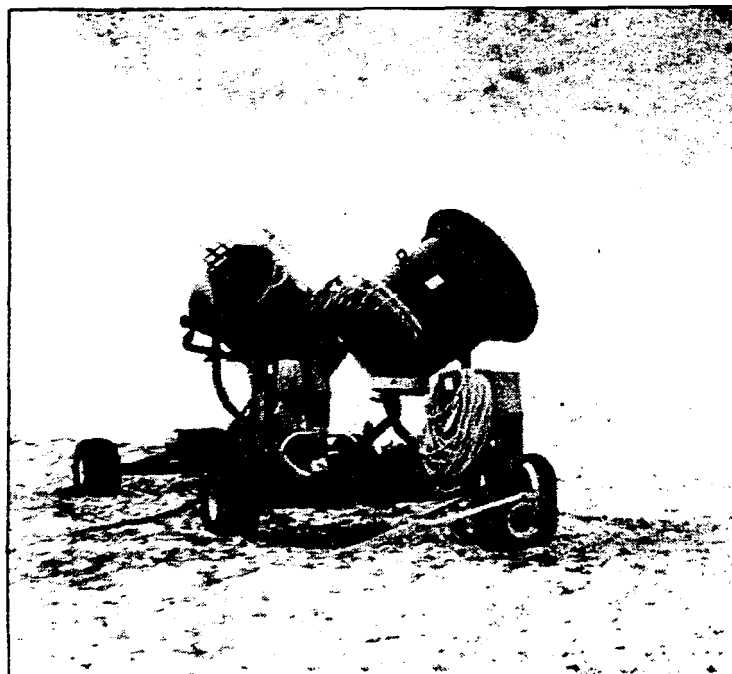
## Hanson Hills prepares to make snow

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you will see that we depend on natural snow to blanket most of our 12 runs."

When asked if she was nervous about the recent warm temperatures, Cindy Olson, Grayling Recreation Authority Director said, "Not at all.

This year's weather conditions are very similar to last year. After two years of struggling with little snow and warm temperatures, I'm very proud of our team's enthusiasm and ability to provide customers the best possible skiing experience at Hanson Hills."



(Above) One of Hanson Hills' snowguns, in action.

## Welcome 2000

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## BOWLING LEAGUE

### American Men's

CSI Ind Sys	54 - 37
Stake-Out Steak House	51 - 40
McLean's ACE	47 - 44
Forrest Bros.	47 - 44
Moones Automotive	45.5 - 45.5
Fentons Auto	43 - 48
Helsel Forest Products	41.5 - 49.5
Upper Lakes Tire	35 - 56
High Game: Lar. Davis, 259; J. Helsel, 257; D. Mansfield, 241.	
High Series: T. Martin, 626; Lar. Davis, 626; P. Faustman, 609; Lon. Davis, 609; J. Helsel, 608.	

### Friday Mixed Doubles

Sledheads of Frederic	33 - 23
Charlie's Country Corner	30 - 26
Moshier Auto Repair	29.5 - 26.5
Aunt Betty's	29 - 27
R. Calkins & Sons	27.5 - 28.5
Fick & Sons	19 - 37
High Game Men: M. Sumner, 214; R. Moshier, 202; D. Wallace, 194.	
High Series Men: M. Sumner, 586; R. Moshier, 578; J. Campbell, 542.	
High Game Women: K. Moshier, 222; S. Sumner, 189; D. Medina, 188.	
High Series Women: K. Moshier, 515; S. Sumner, 485; K. Trudeau, 471.	

### National First

Century 21	62 - 29
Hellebuyck Masonry	57 - 34
Northern Whitetail	48 - 43
Faustman's Insurance	47 - 44
Grayling Ford	40 - 51
Forest Brothers	39 - 52

Swamp II	39 - 52
Guns & Grubs	32 - 59
High Game: S. Miller, 240; T. Herblet, 232; G. Wolfe, 226.	
High Series: T. Devins, 627; S. Miller, 623; T. Herblet, 613.	

### Northwood

American Legion	34 - 22
Rochettes	32 - 24
Red Barn	29.5 - 26.5
Shady Acres Party Store	28.5 - 27.5
Darrell's Roofing	27.5 - 28.5
R & M Masonry	27.5 - 28.5
R. Calkins & Sons	23 - 33
Pro Tree	22 - 34
High Game: S. Romain, 512; L. Dannenberg, 192; J. Hinds, 190.	
High Series: J. Hinds, 531; K. VanNuck, 528; S. Romain, 520.	

### Pioneer

Chemical Bank	38 - 14
Millikins	35 - 17
Custom Interior	28.5 - 23.5
Lady Slippers	27 - 25
Ginger's	24.5 - 27.5
Aunt Betty's	22 - 30
Avalanche	19.5 - 32.5
Lucky Strikers	13.5 - 38.5
High Game: S. Sumner, 197; M. Kroell, 187; J. Hatfield, 183.	
High Series: S. Sumner, 574; J. Coors, 520; K. Trudeau, 507.	

### Recreation

Gray Rock Café	28 - 16
Glen's Market	25.5 - 18.5
Tri★County Meats	24 - 20
Mark 8	23 - 21
Mickey Perez CPA	20 - 24

Peterson Saw Service	18 - 25
Scheer Motors	18 - 25
Cornell	17.5 - 26.5
High Game: S. Sumner, 200; M. Perez, 194; D. Lobsinger, 181.	
High Series: S. Sumner, 557; M. Perez, 525; B. Wheeler, 493.	

### Senior Citizen League

Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us	37 - 15
Sylvester's Sports	32 - 20
Baynham Wood Prod.	31 - 21
Friends & Co.	28.5 - 23.5
Tri★County Meats	25 - 27
Buccilli's Pizza	22 - 30
Cornell Realty	17 - 35
Flowers By Josie	15.5 - 36.5
Men's High Game: A. Smith, 223; K. Harris, 207; G. Wolfe, 202.	
Men's High Series: K. Harris, 584; A. Smith, 582; H. Ingram, 551.	

Women's High Game: V. Westover, 201; L. Dandy, 179; R. Joyce, 158.	
Women's High Series: V. Westover, 516; L. Dandy, 436; C. Albright, 421.	

### Sunday Night Mixed

Waste Management	40 - 20
R & M Masonry	36 - 24
Citgo	31 - 29
Sylvesters	30 - 30
McDonalds of Gaylord#2	29 - 31
Custom Interior	26 - 34
McDonalds of Gaylord#1	24 - 36
Wakeley's Auto Parts	23 - 37
Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 287; R. Adkinson, 233; D. Canfield, 215.	
Men's High Series: J. Helsel, 732; D. Canfield, 640; R. Adkinson, 566.	

## GRAYLING YOUTH BOWLING

On Saturday, November 13, a select few of the Grayling Youth Bowling League members tested their skills against a group of GYB coaches and adult bowlers. To make the competition fair, a 100 percent handicap was used.

The adults managed to win six out of eight games to achieve a victory. In round two, the teams were reversed and a rematch played, which ended in a 4-4 tie. The winners were determined by total pins.

The adults won by a close margin of 43 pins, 4650-4607.

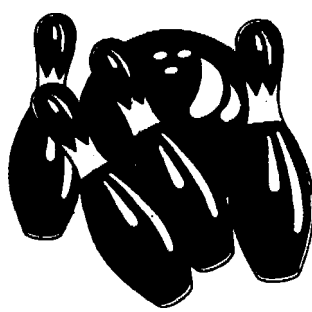
"I would like to congratulate these youths on the tremendous effort, because they make a tough team," said GYB coordinator Ron Case. "We see great potential in this group, and look forward to another round."

A few of the many high games in the competition included: Mike Arwood (150 average), high game 181, 521 series; Matt Thomas (150 average) bowled his first 200 game at 214; Krystel Davis (131 average) bowled a 209 game; Travis LaMotte (137 average) bowled a 452 series;

Jason Arwood (136 average) bowled a 180; Chad Brown (152 average) bowled a 174; Jeremy Messerschmidt (87 average) bowled a 125; Brittney Yaniello (101 average) bowled a 175; D.J. Canfield (158) average, bowled a 196.

The GYB League welcomes other challengers for competition with the league bowlers.

Also, it is not too late to join the GYB League. All youths age 7-20 are welcome to join, call the GYB staff at 348-8094 for more information.



Women's High Game: K. Moshier, 235; A. White, 199; D. Ashworth, 178.

Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 550; A. White, 519; D. Ashworth, 482.

### Triangle

Moshier Auto	39 - 17
Tri★County Meats	35 - 21
McDonald's	28 - 28
Gray Rock Café	24 - 24
Johnson	21 - 35
High Game: M. Sumner, 232; S. Mead, 211; R. Moshier, 210.	
High Series: M. Sumner, 585; R. Moshier, 540; S. Mead, 523.	

## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Standings

Sawmill II	90
Frederic Inn	73
Spikes	72
Plaza	64
Swamp	63
Sawmill I	53
Legion	52
5 Ball Run: Rene S. of Spikes; Corey A. of Sawmill; Tina N. and Tonya P. of Legion.	

### Men's Standings

Margretheville I	88 - 56
Plaza	87 - 75
Legion	83 - 79
Saw Mill	80 - 82
Gray Rock	74 - 88
Frederic Inn	70 - 74
Margretheville II	58 - 86
8 Ball Run: Jeff of Gray Rock; John (2) of Margretheville I.	
7 Ball Run: Todd (2) of Saw Mill; Steve (2) of Legion; Kevin of Plaza; Gale of Frederic Inn.	

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Jim Dutmers  
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# LEGAL ACTION

## SYNOPSIS CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Special Board Meeting of December 7, 1999

The Special Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Lynette Corlew, at 8:04 a.m. in the County Building on December 7, 1999.

Roll Call: Corlew, Wieland, Goltick, Hanson, Pinkelman and Beardslee.

Absent: None.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk - Present.

Paul Compo - County Controller - Present.

There were also other visitors present.

--Approved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the current building occupied by the Crawford County Library is woefully

inadequate in size to allow the delivery of necessary and desired library services to the residents of Crawford County, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the duly elected, appointed, employed and volunteer representatives of the Crawford County Library to obtain funds necessary for the construction of a new library building, and

WHEREAS, those representatives are promoting and encouraging citizens to make private donations to the library for that purpose, and

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of Crawford County will be asked on August 8, 2000 to approve a bond issue for that purpose, and

WHEREAS, Miss Leslie Devereaux has generously offered to donate a sum of \$500,000 toward the construction of a new library building, and

WHEREAS, Miss Devereaux's generous donation will be dependent on: 1) the successful approval of the August 8, 2000 bond issue, and; 2) the willingness of library representatives to name the new library building in honor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Adeline Devereaux, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the members of the Crawford County Board

of Commissioners gratefully approve the wishes of Miss Devereaux with our sincere gratitude and thanks, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the official name of the new Crawford County Library shall be "The Richard and Adeline Devereaux Library for Crawford County."

--CONSENSUS of the Board to authorize Chairperson Corlew to submit a letter to Miss Leslie Devereaux expressing extreme gratitude for her generous gift to the Library.

--CONSENSUS to have Prosecutor Huss, Controller Compo and Commissioner Wieland meet to review projected revenue and expenses and place the Prosecutor Salary issue on the December 15th meeting agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

--Moved to close the executive session and reconvene the Regular Board Meeting (12:06 p.m.).

--Approved to set the Road Commissioner's Open Meetings Act Violation Hearings for Tuesday and Wednesday, December 21 and 22, 1999 at 9 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

DEFAULT having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert Near and Victoria Near, Husband and Wife, of Roscommon, Michigan (Mortgagors) AAA Mortgage and Financial Corporation (Mortgagee) dated February 12, 1996, and recorded February 16, 1996, in Liber 407, Page 340, Crawford County Records, and was assigned by an assignment to Beneficial Michigan, Inc., dated February 20, 1996 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on February 28, 1997 in Liber 425, Page 615, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$42,643.47 including interest at the rate of 12.250% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of January, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the undersigned will: at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of same; thence Easterly on the 1/8-line, 500.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing Easterly 30.00 feet;

thence Southerly parallel with the West line of said Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4, 330.00 feet; thence Westerly, 330.00 feet; thence Northerly, 330.00 feet to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to a non-exclusive 33.00 foot wide access easement for ingress and egress over the Westerly 500.00 feet of the Northerly 33.00 feet and over the Westerly 33.00 feet of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West. Tax ID #062-027-003-020-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 3, 1999

Mortgagee  
Beneficial Michigan, Inc.  
Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
500 N. Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-2964  
(248) 540-7500

-9-16-23-30-6

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas L. Ramsey a single man (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee, dated April 8, 1996, and recorded on April 24, 1996, in Liber 410 Page 317, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE AND 92/100 dollars (\$13,433.92) including interest at 10.200% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on January 5, 2000. Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 11 and 11a, Manistee River Woods, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 16, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 24, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

248-593-1303  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 991112485  
Ravens

-2-9-16-23

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default has occurred in the conditions of the Mortgage made by CARL E. ROACH and PAMELA K. ROACH, husband and wife, of 1851 Irene Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, Mortgagors; to Ford Housing Finance Services, a division of Associates Housing Finance Services, Inc., and now known as ASSOCIATES HOUSING

FINANCE L.L.C. Mortgagee, dated September 10, 1997, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on September 19, 1997, in Liber 438, Page 1854-. By reason of such default, the Mortgagee elected to declare and by this Notice declares the entire unpaid amount of said Mortgage due and payable.

As of November 15, 1999, there is claimed to be due for principal, interest, and other charges collectible by Mortgagee under the Mortgage the sum of Sixty Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Five and 26/100 Dollars (\$65,385.26). No suit or proceedings at law have been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part of said debt.

Notice is given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount, with interest as provided in said Mortgage and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before the date of sale, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public auction to the highest bidder at the Front Steps of the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, on Wednesday, December 29, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. The premises covered by said Mortgage are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, commonly known as 1851 Irene Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, and are legally described as follows:

Lot 88, AuSable Woods No. 4, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 33, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3240(8), unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 1999

ASSOCIATES HOUSING FINANCE L.L.C. Mortgagee  
McSHANE & BOWIE, P.L.C.  
by Judy L. Walton,  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
99 Monroe Avenue, N.W.  
Suite 1100  
Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503  
(616) 732-5000

-24-2-9-16

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Notice of Administration Independent Probate

File No. 99-6058-IE  
Estate of GERALD HERRICK, 373-09-3944.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:  
The decedent, whose last known address was Mercy Manor, Grayling, Michigan, 49738 died 06/30/99. An instrument dated 07/30/76 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Elizabeth A. Lyon, 5367 Russell, Cedar Springs, MI 49319 or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

This estate is not being supervised by the Probate Court. Any interested party may file a written petition with the Crawford County Probate Court, located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, and with the independent personal representative, objecting to the appointment.

Sue A. Jeffers 31659  
555 N. Main Street  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
(517) 773-9961

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## NOTICE

### Meeting Date Change Road Commission for Crawford County

Due to a conflict with meeting schedules, The Road Commission for Crawford County has changed their regular meeting date from December 22, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. to December 21, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting shall be held at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648.

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## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on December 29, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following case:

Case #99-6: Michael R. Brown, petitioner  
Larry Bentley, owner  
T26N, R4W, Sec. 11  
AuSable Trail  
NRD Zone

A request to construct a 1694 sq. ft. 2-story residence and a detached 24' x 24' garage 143' from the mainstream, a variance of 44.3' (includes 12.7' rise in bank) and 50' from the road ROW of AuSable Trail.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton  
Township Clerk

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## ROAD COMMISSION FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY POSITIONS AVAILABLE

### Truck Driver Heavy Equipment Operator Mechanic (afternoon shift)

The Road Commission for Crawford County is seeking candidates for the positions of Truck Driver, Heavy Equipment Operator and Mechanic (afternoon shift).

Minimum requirements are graduation from High School or equivalent. Current Commercial Drivers License A, with air brakes and N & T endorsements with a good driving record.

Employment application and/or resumes will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. December 17, 1999 at the Road Commission office at 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan. Resumes can be mailed to the attention of the Managing Director at the address below.

Road Commission for Crawford County  
500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648  
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Applications and job descriptions may be obtained at the above address. The Road Commission for Crawford is an equal opportunity employer.

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, January 6, 2000, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648 for the following item:

### FOR TWO OR MORE TANDEM AXLE TRUCKS 56,000# GVWR

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "Tandem Axle Truck Bid". The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to withhold any and all trade-in options of the Road Commission and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford Road Commissioners

Ray Swiercz, Chairman  
Bob Nelson, Vice-Chairman  
Thomas E. Perry, Commissioner

-16-23-30

## THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY 500 HURON STREET P.O. BOX 648 GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

## 2000 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE HELD AT THE ROAD COMMISSION OFFICE 10:00 AM

January 5, 2000  
January 20, 2000  
February 3, 2000  
February 16, 2000  
March 2, 2000  
March 16, 2000  
March 30, 2000  
April 13, 2000  
April 27, 2000  
May 11, 2000  
May 25, 2000  
June 8, 2000  
June 22, 2000

July 6, 2000  
July 20, 2000  
August 3, 2000  
August 17, 2000  
August 31, 2000  
September 14, 2000  
September 28, 2000  
October 12, 2000  
October 26, 2000  
November 9, 2000  
November 22, 2000  
December 7, 2000  
December 21, 2000

For: Raymond S. Swiercz, Chairman  
Robert E. Nelson, Vice-Chairman  
Thomas E. Perry, Commissioner

Adopted: Nov. 24, 1999 Meeting

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WE CAN HANDLE ALL  
YOUR  
PRINTING NEEDS

YOU'RE INVITED  
TO A  
NEW YEARS EVE  
PARTY!

We're Moving!

She's Here!  
Amy Marie  
Arrived February 15  
Weight 6 pounds  
13 ounces

Joe, Heather and Anthony Phelps

CRAWFORD COUNTY  
**AVALANCHE**  
102 Mich. Ave. • Grayling • 348-6811

Open: Monday thru Friday 9 am to 5 pm

# FOOTBALL CONTEST 1999-00

**WEEK  
# 15**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: Advertiser MUST be written in next to team or slip will be VOID!!**

Winner	Advertiser	Winner	Advertiser	Winner	Advertiser
Game 1 _____		Game 8 _____		Game 15 _____	
Game 2 _____		Game 9 _____		Game 16 _____	
Game 3 _____		Game 10 _____		Game 17 _____	
Game 4 _____		Game 11 _____		Game 18 _____	
Game 5 _____		Game 12 _____		Game 19 _____	
Game 6 _____		Game 13 _____		Game 20 _____	
Game 7 _____		Game 14 _____			
Tiebreaker 1 game #1 _____		Tiebreaker 2 game #9 _____		Tiebreaker 3 game #20 _____	

**Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules**

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

**WEEKLY PRIZES**

- Sports Cap--Scheer Motors
- Mystery Gift--Sylvester's
- \$10 Gift Cert.--Grayling Glen's
- \$10 Gift Cert.--Abel Auto Parts
- FREE 20lb. Propane Cylinder Fill-Up --Fick & Sons
- \$50 Gift Cert. --Continental Rental & Sales
- One free lunch, a \$8.95 value --Grayling Holiday Inn
- Free lube, oil and filter
- Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury, Inc.
- \$50. Crawford County Avalanche
- \$10 Gift Cert.--Riverland Gear
- \$5 Gift Cert. good on a 10" or 14" pizza --Buccilli's Pizza
- \$25 Gift Cert. --Comfort Center
- One House Specialty Burrito, a \$6.95 value --Gray Rock
- Free Single Combo Meal --Wendy's
- FREE Games -- American Legion

**Week #14 Winning Games**

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Tampa Bay (39)  | 11. San Diego           |
| 2. Indianapolis    | 12. San Francisco       |
| 3. NY Giants       | 13. Kansas City         |
| 4. Washington      | 14. Jacksonville (Mon.) |
| 5. St. Louis       | 15. Youngstown State    |
| 6. Baltimore       | 16. Georgia Southern    |
| 7. Dallas          | 17. NW Missouri St.     |
| 8. Carolina        | 18. Rowan               |
| 9. Cincinnati (72) | 19. Pacific Lutheran    |
| 10. NY Jets        | 20. Tampa Bay (39)      |

**Week #14  
Football Contest  
Winner  
Rose Gildner**
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

- Won with 15 correct
- 110 Entries
- (9 correct was the average)

1.) Detroit vs Chicago

**3 Stores in One!**

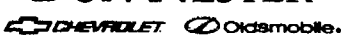
**RIVERLAND**

122 Mich. Ave. • Grayling  
517-344-0047

6.) New England vs Philadelphia

Ask me about the new 2000 cars, trucks and vans or close-out specials on all remaining 1999 models!

**DON NESTER**

 Located on M-76 N., Roscommon  
1-517-275-5105

11.) Tampa Bay vs Oakland

**ABEL AUTO PARTS**

- New & Used Parts Available • We Buy Wrecked Vehicles
- Best Prices In The North! • Late Model Repairables
- Country Wide Locator Service Available
- Lowest Prices On Gas Tanks & Radiators

Open Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm  
Located at 8255 Old 27 North, Frederic  
517-348-2864 • 1-800-848-4507 • Larry Myas

16.) Georgia Southern vs Youngstown St.

**Sylvester's Sports**

- Silk Screening
- Glass Etching
- Engraving • Trophies
- Vinyl Letters • Embroidery
- Banners • Awards • Flags

Larry Raymond  
5610 M-72 W., Grayling  
517-348-9097

2.) Pittsburgh vs Kansas City

**BIG SCREEN TV**

**Gray-Rock**

• Drink Specials

• Munchie Bar

Food & Spirits

OPEN AT 7:00 AM • 7 DAYS A WEEK  
2123 Industrial Dr., Grayling • 517-348-5181

7.) New Orleans vs Baltimore

WHERE WE PURSUE THE COMFORT, AND THE BEST IS UP TO YOU

**COMFORT CENTER**

FURNITURE STORES

**FREE DELIVERY**

Grayling • M-72 West • 348-2961  
Prudenville • M-55 & M-18 South  
517-366-3808

12.) NY Jets vs Dallas

**FICK & SONS**

PROPANE SERVICE

113 Fig St., Grayling  
517-348-7647

17.) Rowan vs Pacific Lutheran

For service after the sale see Cliff Wheeler

**GM SCHEER MOTORS**

US-27 North, Grayling  
517-348-5451

3.) San Francisco vs Carolina

**Hart**

Pontiac GMC Buick

TIM HART BILL HART

1-800-341-HART

8.) NY Giants vs St. Louis

Try your luck, buy your lotto tickets here...

MARKETS

**Glen's**

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

13.) Seattle vs Denver

**Alpine carpet**

Come in today & save! Lowest prices ever!

Celebrating over 25 years in business!

Just off I-75, Exit 270, Waters, MI  
517-732-1759 • 1-800-800-5791

18.) NW Oklahoma St. vs Georgetown

Join us for football in the Speak Easy Saloon!

Football on the Big Screen Sundays & Mondays

Drink Specials Available

**Holiday Inn**

4.) Atlanta vs Tennessee

**American Legion Lounge & Lanes**

Join us and watch the games on our big screen TV

106 James Street  
348-7232

9.) San Diego vs Miami

**Wendy's**

The best hamburgers and a whole lot more.™

2141 S. I-75 BUS. LP. • GRAYLING

14.) Buffalo vs Arizona (Mon.)

Guaranteed lowest prices on all new Ford's & Mercury's.

Largest selection of used cars & trucks in the North!

**SCOTT McNAMARA FORD-MERCURY, INC.**

M-18 • Roscommon, I-75 Business Loop  
(517) 275-8922 fax (517) 275-4643

19.) Hampton vs SW Athletic

**FARM BUREAU INSURANCE**

Paul Wilson  
204 Ionia, Grayling  
344-2500  
www.farmbureauinsurance-mi.com

5.) Jacksonville vs Cleveland

**CRAIG HINKLE**

RE/MAX OF GRAYLING

HANDY MAN SPECIAL

16x21 two bedroom cabin. Electric bath with a bath. No well or septic. Beautiful maple tree cover. 290 fronting black-top road. One mile to Air-Safe. Five and three miles from the River. \$14,990 CH-1067

5728 M-72 W., Grayling • 348-7440

10.) Washington vs Indianapolis

**GM SCHEER MOTORS**

U.S. 27 North, Grayling  
517-348-5451

15.) Green Bay vs Minnesota

**Continental**

The Clear Leader in Rentals/Purchases

2404 S. I-75 Business Loop • Grayling  
348-2499

20.) Fresno St. vs Utah

**Buccilli's PIZZA™**

Deliveries Starting At 11 am

517-348-4044



# FEATURES

## HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of December 19-25

**Aries**  
March 21-April 20

Wrapping gifts will be the least of your worries this week. Projects and problems are on the rise at work. You cannot handle all of the projects alone, so don't be afraid to ask for a little help. As for the problems, you can work them out.

**Taurus**  
April 21-May 21

Don't laugh off a relative's idea concerning a holiday celebration. It may seem pretty lame at first, but it could be a great way for both the kids and the adults to enjoy the holiday even more. Watch what you say to a coworker.

**Gemini**  
May 22-June 21

This is never the best time of year for you as far as money is concerned. Take it easy this year. You have been staying within your budget all year—now is not the time to blow it. Don't blow your diet either. Holiday goodies are not worth the extra weight.

**Cancer**  
June 22-July 22

You cannot buy friendship with gifts. Don't even try it. Instead, try being a true friend. Be particularly considerate of a friend who had a rough year. The holidays will not be an easy time for him/her with all the memories there are to face.

**Leo**  
July 23-August 23

A fun holiday party may be just what everyone needs! Even though everyone is really busy, a few hours of fun with friends and family could relieve a lot of stress. Remember to invite a coworker who has had some rough times.

**Virgo**  
August 24-September 22

Don't let an irritable relative spoil your holiday fun. Try keeping him/her busy with little things—such as wrapping gifts, baking, shopping or decorating. Try to be as good as a gift you get, even if it takes you by surprise.

**Libra**  
September 23-October 23

Bah, humbug! Boy, you can really run a lot of people's holiday fun with your attitude. Even though life isn't going well for you right now, it's no reason to make everyone else feel bad, too. Think of someone else for a change.

**Scorpio**  
October 24-November 22

Give yourself something special for the holidays. Take a quick trip to a bed and breakfast for the weekend or just overnight. Or get a massage or a makeover. Choose something to recharge your emotional batteries.

**Sagittarius**  
November 23-December 21

You and your coworkers may want to consider giving to a worthy cause instead of exchanging gifts this year. You've all been trying to outdo each other. This is a great way for all of you to help others and get along better, too.

**Capricorn**  
December 22-January 20

You may get an opportunity to show off your creativity during the holidays. Take advantage of the opportunity; it just may be the break you need. An elderly relative needs your love and attention to help make his/her day special.

**Aquarius**  
January 21-February 18

Once the holidays are behind you, you may want to check out some new investment opportunities. Your busy schedule might cause some problems at home. Whatever you do, don't forget a date important to someone close to you.

**Pisces**  
February 19-March 20

So it's not such a great time of year for you. Don't take it out on others. You'll only spoil their fun, and it won't make you feel any better. Maybe you could do some volunteer work to help get your mind off your problems.

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Turkey Pot Pie

6 to 8 servings  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
1 1/4 cups self-rising flour  
2 cups turkey broth  
1 1/2 cups cooked cubed turkey  
8 oz. package frozen mixed vegetables  
1/2 cup non-dairy margarine  
1/2 cup Vitamite

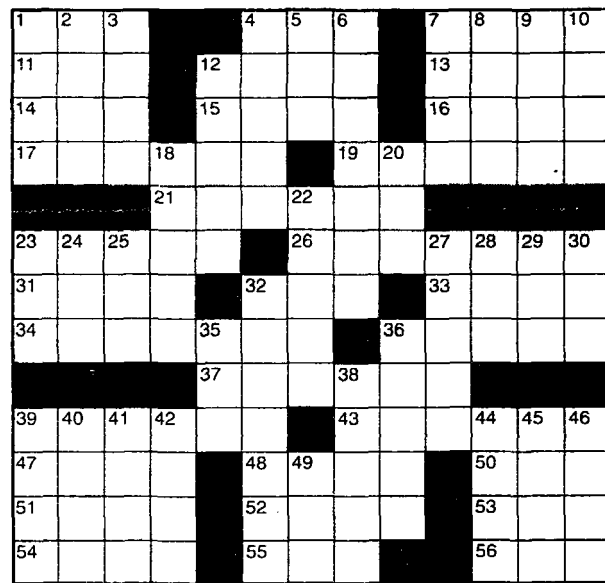
Preheat oven to 450°. In

large skillet, saute' onion in oil; add 1/4 cup of flour and stir in broth until smooth. Add turkey and vegetables. Pour into a 2-quart casserole dish. Mix together margarine and remaining flour with a pastry blender; add Vitamite and mix to a dough-like texture. Roll on a floured surface to 1/4" thickness, shape to fit top of casserole dish and place on top of turkey mixture. Bake at 450° for 15 minutes until crust is golden brown.



**HOME NEEDED** - Lab/Shepherd mix male puppies, approx. 8 weeks old. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- Incline
- Sheepish reply
- Discontinue
- Town southeast of Oklahoma City
- Maintained
- Open
- Mediterranean, e.g.
- "As \_\_\_\_\_ as a painted ship..." (Coleridge)
- Hotter under the collar
- Do a double take, perhaps
- Good-luck animal
- Holds tightly
- Gave the boot
- Deceit
- Hence
- Make \_\_\_\_\_ while the sun shines
- Feminine suffix
- Run easily
- Rile
- Blender setting
- Of course!
- Opposite of SSW

### DOWN

- Entry on a to-do list
- Thinker's reward
- Carson's predecessor
- Generate
- Orangutan, e.g.
- What opposites do
- One-liner
- Night \_\_\_\_\_ Night (Reagan film)
- March date
- Scholarly volume
- Toys with tails
- Make changes
- Bush or Clinton
- Filaments
- Actress Benaderet
- White-tailed bird
- Finagle
- Ration one's rations
- Scene of the Judgment of Paris
- Doter's treatment: abbr.
- "Do I Marvel" (Cullen)
- Monstrous
- Puck
- Say "up and at 'em!"
- Spectacular successes
- Became bigger
- Baseballer Babe
- Italian wine city
- Get through the cracks
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Man
- Realize
- Jerry Van \_\_\_\_\_
- Gardener's tool

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago  
December 16, 1976

The Rialto Theater will present two children's shows on Saturday, December 18. Admission is 50¢ for children under 12 and 75¢ for 12 and over. The show will consist of one full length feature and three cartoons. Proceeds will be used to take the entire fifth grade class from the Crawford AuSable Schools to the Shrine Circus in Saginaw in Mid-January, according to Arnie Stancil, local Shriner.

Ed Lowrie, Grayling, was recently appointed Director of the Crawford - Roscommon Soil Conservation District.

The City of Grayling Police and Fire Department, in conjunction with the Crawford County Sheriff Department, are investigating a fatal fire at 501 Iowa Street Monday evening. Hattie Leona Worden was pronounced dead at the scene by a medical examiner. Investigation into the cause of the fire is continuing.

The County Road Commission opened bids for two 1977 1/2 ton pickup trucks. The bids ranged from \$6,400 to a high of \$8,750.30. Bids for gasoline were also opened at this time - 36.5¢ per gallon to 38.5¢ per gallon.

Bertha Davis celebrated her 90th birthday with her daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Vivian Campbell of Grayling. Also at the party were 24 of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

46 Years Ago  
December 17, 1953

This issue marks the 75th anniversary of the *Avalanche*, 1878-1953.

The Grayling High Vikings continued their undefeated basketball season last week by taking a pair of games. They defeated Fairview at

Mio on Tuesday and took the measure of Harbor Springs there last Friday evening.

Television station WWTW, Channel 13 put its first signal on the air today in a brief test of the transmitter and antenna from its recently completed transmitter building, nine miles southwest of Cadillac.

The Board of Education has the plan of expansion and remodeling that they believe meets the Grayling Schools needs today with adequate allowance for the probable growth in enrollments in the years to come. Present plans call for a new gymnasium, stage, complete locker room facilities, both for boys and girls, a band and music area, a hot lunch kitchen and eating space including a place for community use. It is proposed that this structure be erected on the lots now owned by the school district across Spruce Street from the present school building. The present gym would be remodeled into classrooms on both floors. This added classroom space would make it possible to enlarge and modernize such school departments as home-making, commerce and natural science. As one Grayling School official said, "... to be ready for tomorrow we must act today."

The Grayling City Council approved the construction of a lighted recreation area in the City Park with funds to come from donations of the public at large. They dedicated the entire park in the same resolution as a "Memorial Park."

At the same meeting, the City Council approved the resolution to close Spruce Street between Ottawa and Ogemaw to offer more safety to the school children and to aid a school enlargement program.

The City Council also went on record as favoring the removal of the dam on the AuSable River at the U.S. 27 bridge. The Conservation Department will now go ahead with the removal.

69 Years Ago  
December 18, 1930

The condition of T.E. Douglas,

who has been a patient at Mercy Hospital for several months, is very hopeless at the present time.

Mrs. Axel Larson entertained the Birthday Club at her home Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Earl Marshall and son, Melvin, are spending a few days in Kalamazoo and Detroit.

"Our Gang" Sewing Club will hold a Christmas party for their children at the Temple Theatre Saturday afternoon.

Adolph Peterson is employed at the present time in Mackinac City.

Nelson G. Farrier of Hillman, representative in the State Legislature from this District passed away December 7.

George Burke is showing one of the new Ford Victoria DeLuxe cars in his showroom. There are many new features in it, one, the sloping windshield.

92 Years Ago  
December 19, 1907

The McKay House has changed hands again. Jeff McMahon is the new landlord.

P. Michelson is the manager of the hotel part of the Manistee House. Mr. Anderson retiring.

Alfred Olson is at Marlette taking a special course in Pharmacy.

Eshern Hanson is visiting in San Francisco, taking in the sights of the Earthquake city.

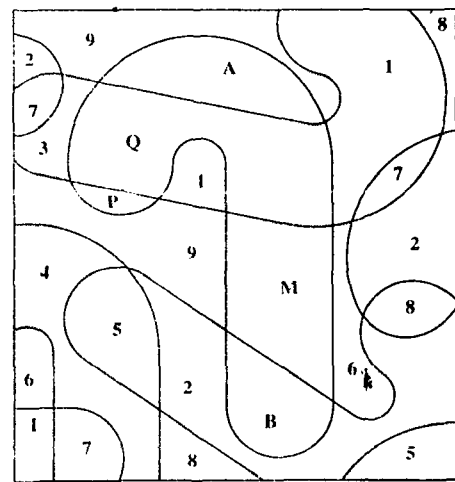
Our winter arrived last Saturday with an all day snowfall. About 12 inches of snow and temperatures moderate makes the lumbermen happy.

Roscommon boasts of a new printing office. It's first paper, the *Roscommon Herald* is to appear today. Mr. Mathison, the editor, made us a fraternal call.

C. B. Johnson of Maple Forest was in town Monday. He reports it lively in the woods in that section with the coming of the snow.

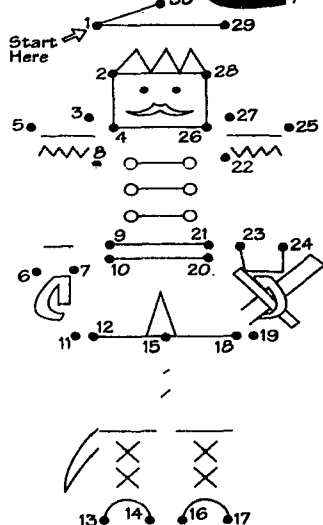


## HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

## Connect the dots



## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	8 a.m.	Rainfall
12/7	39	29	29	
12/8	40	25	29	
12/9	44	29	33	0.06"
12/10	34	28	29	0.04"
12/11	38	24	28	
12/12	37	27	32	
12/13	43	22	32	

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Wednesday - cloudy, snow likely, with a high in the mid 30's. Thursday - chance of snow showers, with a low near 30 and a high of 30 - 35. Friday and Saturday - chance of snow showers, with a low near 20 and a high of 25-30.



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$5.75 per column inch  
 Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday  
 Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:  
[www.townnews.com/avalanche/](http://www.townnews.com/avalanche/)  
 Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

## 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** [www.century21grayling.com](http://www.century21grayling.com) (1/7/99)(1/1)

**I BUY HOUSE** and land contracts. Pay cash. Quick closings. Are you facing foreclosure? Divorce? Leaving the area? Don't ruin your credit. Call Peninsula Funding 1-800-641-1717. (3/11/99)(1/1)

**TWO BEDROOM HOME** nestled in the pines. Frederic location, two lots, fireplace, hardwood floors, basement, nice area. \$31,000. 801-568 0787 (-2-9-16-23 30/1)

**LOT FOR SALE** 3/4 acres Grayling Estates or build to suit. License Builder. 517-348-5372 after 6 p.m. (-9-16-23-30/1)

**TWO-THREE BEDROOM** 1,500 square foot, family room-one car garage. \$57,000. By appointment. 517-348-7355 (12/9/99)(1/1)

**THE CLASSIFIED** - The perfect place to find that first car. (517) 348-6811

**AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES** Building sites starting at \$7,000. Spec log home with loft. Well, septic, electric service. \$49,000. Near river and state land. 517-348-7355 (12/9/99)(1/1)

**THREE BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH** 1250 sq. ft. home built in 1999. Two car attached, two plus acres. 517-348-4840 (-16-23-30-6/1)

## 2. For Rent

**MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS** your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$18,900 for two person household. Rent based on 30% of gross monthly income. Barrier free unit available. Call Rose 517-344-2611 or Mary Ann 906-932-5500 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. (9/16/99)(1/2)

**CLEAN, TWO BEDROOM** with shed close to town. Washer, dryer hook up, cable TV available, natural gas, references, security required, no pets. \$375 517-348-8386 (-9-16/2)

**CABIN FOR RENT** Sleeps four, call 517-348-8350. (10/14/99)(1/2)

**DOWNTOWN BUILDING FOR RENT** 227 Michigan Avenue. Approximately 4,000 square feet. Excellent business opportunity. Inquiries call 517-344-2222. (9/23/99)(1/2)

**THREE BEDROOM, ONE BATH** with garage and workshop in town, two blocks from schools. No pets or smoking. \$450 per month plus \$450 security deposit, due before move in. Need references. 517-348-6141 (-16-23-30-6/2)

**SMALL APARTMENT** \$240 a month. \$240 security and \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. 517-348-5124 (-16/2)

## 2. For Rent

**NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS** for two bedroom apartments in the City of Grayling. Immediate occupancy available. No pets. \$410 month plus security deposit. Call Laurie or Kevin at Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 517-348-6481 for an application. (-9-16/2)

**THREE BEDROOM HOME** on Golfview Drive, Cable TV, stove and refrigerator furnished. Section 8 accepted, senior and two person discount. Available now. \$550 per month. Also, late model 14 x 70 mobile home, three bedroom. Natural gas heat, Cable TV. Located in GME \$485. Section 8 accepted, single and senior citizen discount. Call Ron at 517-348-6761. (12/9/99)(1/2)

**AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

**LAKE MARGRETHE NEW** three bedroom, two bath home. \$550 per month plus utilities. References and security deposit required. Non smoking, no pets only. call 517-344-1800. (12/9/99)(1/2)

**HOUSE FOR RENT** Small one bedroom house in Grayling includes utilities, cable, snow plowing. Totally furnished and equipped. \$500 a month. \$200 security. 517-939-8965 (-16-23/2)

## 2. For Rent

**TWO BEDROOM, ONE BATH** Range, refrigerator included. One car attached garage, no pets. \$400 month plus \$400 security. 6186 M-72 West. One mile west of Grayling. 517-348-4716 (12/16/99)(1/2)

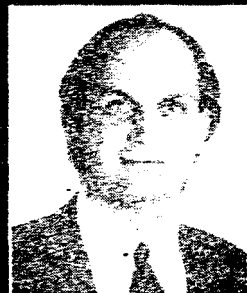
**FURNISHED APARTMENTS** Weekly special \$149 per week includes microwave refrigerator, kitchenettes, free breakfast, HBO, Cinemax. Call AuSable Motel 517-348-8900. (-16/2)

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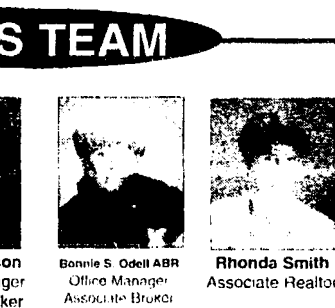
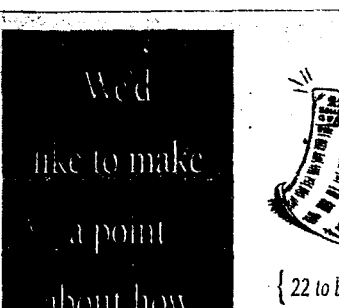
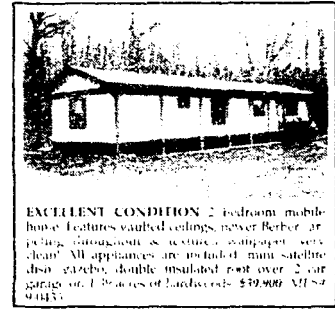
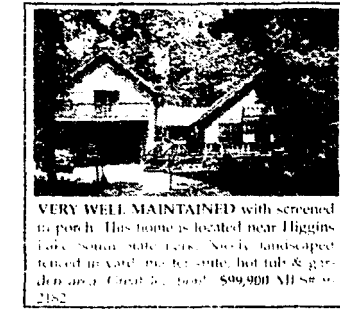
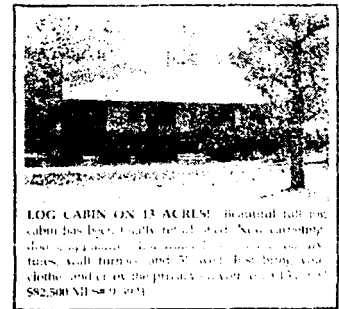
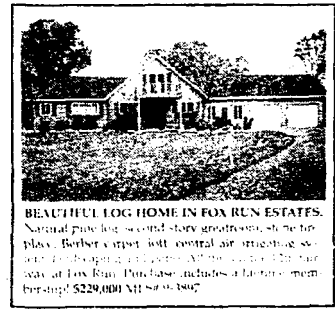
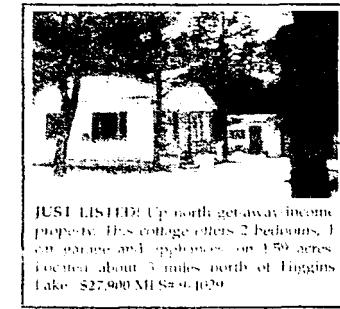
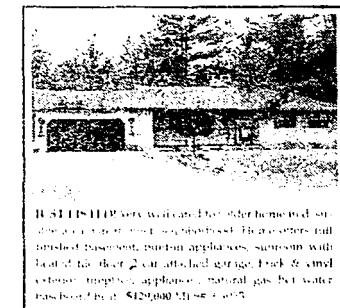
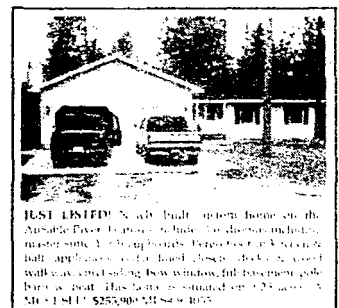
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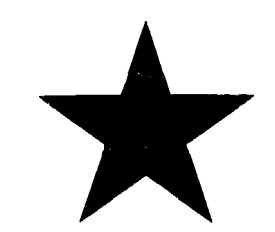


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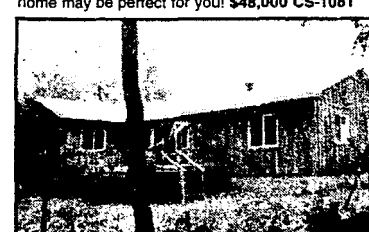


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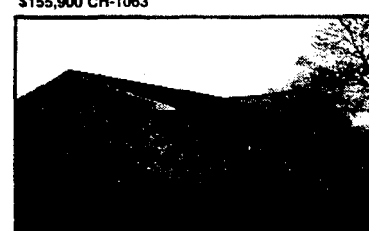
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## 8. Announcements

**THINK SLED HEADS** of Frederic for all your snowmobile parts and accessory needs. Call us at 517- DIG SNOW. Open Wednesdays till 8 p.m. through Christmas. (-24-2-9-16-23/8)

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**CHRISTMAS CRAFT** and Bake Sale Wednesday 1-3, Friday and Saturday 1-5, 595 Meadows Drive, Grayling. (-16/8)

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## 11. Automotive

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**'89 BUICK CENTURY** \$1,400 or best cash offer. Will consider part trade. 517-329-8428 (-16/11)

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**'78 CHEVY P/U** Runs and drives nice. 8' P/u bed, needs some work. \$850 will consider part trade snowmobiles, chain saws. 517-329-8428 (-16/11)

**1992 FORD ESCORT** Four door, automatic, good condition. \$1,600 or best offer. 517-275-4126 (-9-16/11)

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The dog in last week's paper at the Roscommon Shelter is **NOT** Max. We thank those who called, however we are still searching for our 6 year old neutered black male labrador. No questions asked, we just want him home!  
**1-517-275-6234**

## 11. Automotive

### NOTICE

The following vehicle will be offered for sale at public auction to be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 1999 at the lobby of the Crawford County Sheriff Department. The vehicle is located at A Bulldog Towing, Grayling if anyone is interested in viewing the vehicle prior to the sale.

1991 Buick LeSabre, grey. (Vin #: 1G4HR14C8MH409093)

For further information, please contact Deputy Niederhouse at the Crawford County Sheriff Department, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling MI. 348-4616.

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Honda 200S, red - 3 wheeler. (Vin #: JH3TB0537EC428909)

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## NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS

I Robert C. Robinson, am not responsible for any bills or debts as of June 7, 1999 which have been incurred by Victoria L. Robinson due to abandonment of family residency, divorce pending.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Robinson

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1990 Chevrolet S-10, grey. (Vin #: 1GCCS19R4L2121783)

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## 9. Personals

### Another Lordy Lordy Guess Who



### RICHARD LOVELL'S 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Tribute

On December 15<sup>th</sup> in '49  
You came into this world a little bit blue.  
It didn't last long and soon you were fine.  
A tiny little baby, so perfect and new.

While growing up you had plenty of tumbles and spills  
And a couple of bones you surely did break.  
These things will give any mother those tingling chills.  
"Be careful!" she'd say, "For goodness sake!"

A Karmann Ghia and a job at Wert's Lone Pine  
Fancy footwork to dodge the bullet from the .22  
God's plan for you has always been right in line;  
Heavenly Angels kept you safe, and are still watching over you.

Our country you served in the grand Navy way.  
Newport was your home for awhile.  
Which lever? Oops! You flooded the hanger bay!  
How could the officer do anything but smile?

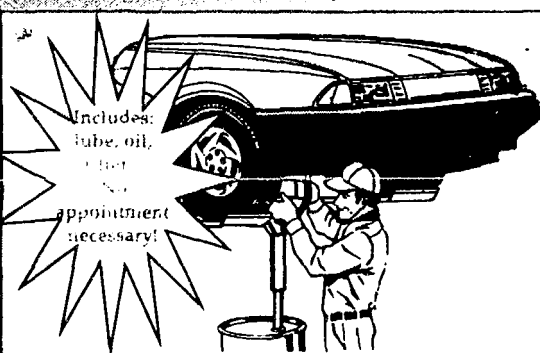
And now happily married—the years are 15.  
A beautiful daughter and a handsome son, too.  
My love for you is forever strong, as you have seen.  
And with God's grace, may you always have skies that are blue.

Your "Special Angel" will be there as the years roll away  
Through happiness, laughter, tears of joy and of sorrow.  
But today, I just want to find a special way to say  
"Happy Birthday!" Love you now and for each and every tomorrow."

There you have it—no **OVER THE HILL** jokes I'll make.  
As you open your gifts, don't look for a birthday tie or a shirt.  
Now take a deep breath to blow out all those candles on your cake.  
Oh! But I must remember to put the Fire Department on alert!

--- Karen ---

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Simply fill out the pre-approval auto loan form below and mail or bring into Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury. We will assist you in purchasing a new or used vehicle from our inventory.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ S.S.# \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW LONG AT THIS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYER PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ TIME ON JOB \_\_\_\_\_  
DOWN PAYMENT \_\_\_\_\_ TRADE-IN \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHLY INCOME \_\_\_\_\_

You are authorized to investigate my credit and employment history and to release information about my credit experience with me.

Bring or Mail to:  
Attention: Robert Wells  
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